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Things in General.

THE Ontario Government has been approached with a request that it make an exhibit at the Pan-American Fair to be held at Buffalo next year. Premier Ross quite wisely replied that it is impossible for the Government to spend money on an exhibit at Buffalo while it refuses to make similar expenditures for fairs in Canada. Whereupon the "Mail and Empire" remarks that "so long as parish politics control the counsels of the Ross Cabinet, little is likely to be done in any direction." On a previous occasion I called attention to the fact that Buffalo, the home of De Barry, who has for years been turning back Canadian artisans who sought to make a livelihood in that city, is certainly not the place for Canadians to assist in making a Fair a success. Canada owes Buffalo nothing but the ill-will which has been occasioned by the most offensive conduct of a most offensive official in turning back our citizens who sought in a proper and honest way to make a livelihood. We have a perfect right to remember that of all the border cities and towns strung from Maine to the Pacific Coast, Buffalo has treated Canada and Canadians with less decency than any other center of population. For Buffalonians to ask Canada to assist them in making a grand display is a piece of nerve which the Governments of our provinces, and our Federal Government as well, should resent. Canada is doing first-rate as it is, and it would be an unpopular and unprofitable expenditure of money if this country, or any section of it, donates a dollar to assist towards success an exhibition which, ten chances to one, will be more or less of a failure.

TALKING about the failures of world's fairs and imitations of them, such as the one held in San Francisco after the Chicago blow-out, and the one which is to be held in Buffalo as the remote tail-end of the great event in Paris, it should be remembered that not one of these great splurges has been a financial success. Philadelphia was semi-paralyzed for three or four years after the Centennial. Chicago went all to pieces after its World's Fair. San Francisco got a jolt from which it has not yet recovered, by spending a lot of money making up a grand display of the fag ends of the Chicago exhibits. Probably the greatest monetary failure of all is the present World's Fair at Paris, where the deficit will be enormous. The previous World's Fair in Paris was a financial failure, and the one in London was not a success. Possibly these fairs may be great educational institutions, but they bring ruin to thousands of those who build their hopes on an enormous attendance. The expenses are vast, the discomforts great, extortion is almost universal, and the weariness and vexations connected with attending them incalculable. Buffalo is so situated as to be remote from the Western and Southern States, and the attendance will be limited accordingly. This being true, it is not astonishing that the Buffalonians, who have so long used Canadians contemptuously and harbored all sorts of malignant enemies of Canada, should look wistfully at our population and desire to attract them to their show. Canadians will show their sense and their patriotism by remembering De Barry, the Fenians, the pro-Boers, and the dynamiters who found such a pleasant reception in the city of the Pan-American Fair while they were on their way to Canada. Refusal of a grant for an exhibit at Buffalo is not parish politics; it is national politics; and the "Mail and Empire" should be the last to ask Ontario to kiss the hand that has been in the habit of smiting us.

HARDSHIPS caused to litigants by excessive costs, for the accumulation of which lawyers are generally blamed, are so common that the old adage has been accepted as gospel, "A bad settlement is better than a good lawsuit." A recent case in Winnipeg swallowed up \$31,000 out of \$40,000 recovered, and a case in the Police Court the other day in which an account of over five hundred dollars was almost entirely eaten up by law costs and lawyers' fees, is another of these by no means unusual occurrences. If strict and quick justice had been done to the latter claimants, who, if I remember right, only received thirty or forty dollars of the entire amount, there should have been some simpler and more direct means for them to have obtained a settlement. It would be a litigious world if everybody knew enough about law to decide whether or not they had a chance of winning a suit, for, as each woman thinks her own bairn the best-looking, so each litigant, with an unavoidable bias in his own favor, thinks his case strong enough to stand the test of a suit. I believe the majority of lawyers are honest and painstaking, but the methods of collecting debts outside of a division court are cumbersome, slow and expensive, and even with a conscientious lawyer the expenses are apt to eat up much of the amount. If we had some courts of arbitration for the inexpensive and speedy settlement of disputes about money, a vast amount of time, worry and expense could be saved and a finality given to the finding of say three judges, which would end the matter. The collection of debts under the present system seems to drag along through court after court until the amount in dispute is consumed, and indeed the whole substance of the litigants is often eaten up. Frequently it may seem that the arguments in favor of the two disputants are almost equally balanced, and in such an instance power should be given to the court to arbitrate, and thus close the dispute before everything at stake has been eaten up and much time wasted in litigation. There would be so much business in such a court of arbitration that the fees could be made even smaller than in the Division Court, where only small amounts are considered, and it certainly seems as if a reform would wipe out several of the possibilities for legal extortion which now exist.

As long as there are persons, some of them will not be religious, and will be but poor caretakers of the souls which are confided to their care; there will never be a time when we will not have doctors who, though legally licensed, will be nothing better than quacks, and will permit themselves to work upon the fears of their patients in the most scandalous manner; and so with a certain percentage of lawyers who feel that they must live, no matter whether their clients go to the poor-house or not. Without referring specially to either case cited, of which I have nothing but newspaper information, it is safe to say it will always be impossible to keep such men out of the legal profession, or to keep them from picking the bones of their clients when an opportunity offers. Sometimes, of course, the litigants themselves are so determined to fight the thing to a ruinous finish that the lawyers are really not to blame, but it would be hard to convince me that the man of ordinary sense, unless he is counselled by a conscienceless member of the legal profession, will waste his substance in a lawsuit. Certainly there seems a great and growing necessity for some simpler method of settling disputes concerning sums of money in excess of the amount which can be collected through the Division Court.

In Germany they have a peculiar system which, though it may not work perfectly, is still in some respects an advance upon our methods in this country. A litigant who desires to bring suit for damages or for the payment of a sum of money, goes to his lawyer, and after deciding the amount for which he will sue, he is told exactly what fee

he will have to pay. If he desires to give the lawyer a retainer in excess of the fee, he must also sign a statement, which will be retained by the solicitor, stating that he is aware that he is paying an amount in excess of the legal charge, and that he pays this in order to obtain the services of an advocate he specially favors. If he sues for a larger amount than he obtains, he only gets costs on the amount which is awarded him, and must pay court costs on the amount which he failed to obtain. This tends to prevent the bringing of actions for exorbitant amounts. If the case goes into a higher court the fees and all connected with the case are again revised, so that all the expenses except the bringing of witnesses will be thoroughly understood by the litigant. Thus at each stage of the game the man who is bringing or resisting a lawsuit knows exactly what it is going to cost him outside of witness fees. The first court is one of arbitration, and in it I understand much the larger number of suits are settled. Notwithstanding all these safeguards, however, a suit may drag from court to court for years, and the expenses are apt to mount up slowly but surely, yet not at all in proportion to the costs of litigation in Canada. I had a suit which lasted four years and a half in Berlin, Germany, beginning at the Court of Arbitration and finally waiting at the door

everybody would be turning handsprings to see all these abuses corrected. In the recent conference with the president and officers of the Street Railway Company, the Mayor was milder and more bland than May morning, and was so obviously anxious not to have trouble with the Street Railway Company that he could hardly be polite to the Controllers who were demanding that the original contract should be carried out to the letter. This indulgent attitude is difficult to understand, but those who still hang on to the straps in the old cars, which by reason of the change in the Mayor's attitude may for years continue to run, will have a chance to think the thing out.

FEW Ontario people recognize the extraordinary advantages possessed by the people of Toronto and Ontario in the matter of delicious and delicately flavored products of the garden, vineyard and orchard. In no part of the world with which I am acquainted is there such a great variety of fruit of such exquisite flavor, obtainable by the people at a low price. In the tropics, excepting, of course, oranges, lemons and limes, the fruits are nearly always of a deadly sweetness which soon palls upon the palate. In California the fruits are grown to a great size and are delightful to look at, but they have not the flavor

vegetables in the summer and largely through the winter, are as inexpensive as anywhere in the world.

It is sometimes well to remind ourselves of the special blessings that Providence has showered on this part of the world, and if we thus estimate our advantages we are probably less liable to make complaints about being too hot or too cold. Certainly when we compare what we have and what we can get for so little, we should not feel inclined to drift southward, insomuch as the further south we go the less comfort and the fewer luxuries we can hope to obtain. While we can have butter on our bread, good laws fairly administered, and everything else that the most favored people have, with as good an opportunity to earn the money to buy what are esteemed luxuries elsewhere, as can be had anywhere in the world, we ought to be satisfied.

IS that \$50,000 necessary to put the Upper Canada College on an independent footing, to be raised? More than two-thirds of it, or \$35,000, has already been subscribed, and there remains but \$15,000 more to be obtained. The time for raising the money practically ends on the first of October, but no doubt a little extension will be obtained by those having the subscriptions in hand, and surely there are enough moneyed men to put up this trivial amount without any more ado. The fact that it has been so difficult to raise \$50,000 to complete the severance of the Upper Canada College from Government control, and to furnish the necessary additions to the buildings, does not speak well for the many men of means who look back with pride upon their old school and talk without stint of its virtues and advantages. Everyone admits that the institution is in the hands of the most capable, energetic and enthusiastic staff of teachers which Upper Canada College ever possessed. Hundreds can count up a long list of men who have made a great deal of money, and kept it too, who got their start along the road to success in the old school. Toronto would be proud of these men if they would only "wake up" and show that we have some public spirit, together with some tendency to spend money except for dry goods and groceries, fuel and rent. The question now seems to be, is \$50,000 too much for all the old graduates of the school to raise as an evidence of their faith in and affection for one of the best and oldest educational institutions in Canada?

YEARS ago, when I lived in the country, no doubt we had exciting general elections as we have now, but I have no memory of being stirred by political cries or seeing any great manifestation of interest amongst the farmers. Of course, prior to the Rebellion of 1837 discontent had taken deep root, and the flame of revolution was being fanned by strong and indefatigable workers. However, this was before my time, and as I grew up amidst the pasture fields and the meadows, no disturbing sound of politics came to my ears. I went to another part of the country and taught school when I was seventeen, and I cannot remember a single issue which was then before the country, nor do I remember anyone talking politics excepting one old man who took two newspapers and struggled desperately to bring people to his way of thinking. Nobody seemed to pay any attention, and I would cut across lots rather than face the old man and his political propaganda, for I had not the vaguest notion in the world of what it was all about. The next year, in a different township, I again sought to uproot the youthful mind and it is not to my credit, I know—heard nothing of politics until towards fall, when some member of Parliament, so the neighbors said, had "turned his coat" and voted against the Government instead of for it, though he had been elected as a supporter of the Administration. This was about the time of the Pacific Scandal, but nobody seemed to understand what it was all about, though everyone rose up in wrath to punish the recalcitrant member. He ran again, and the streets of a not distant city were full of fights, and country bar-rooms and meetings in school-houses were scenes of pandemonium. The people with whom I boarded took no newspaper, I was studying medicine and felt no interest in what was passing outside of the school section and my books, and I had to read the whole subject up nearly ten years afterwards to know what it meant.

Of course there are a great many more newspapers now than there were then, they are cheaper and more entertaining, but even twenty or twenty-five years ago I can remember that instances were numerous where one newspaper did for three or four farmers, who got together and spelled out the price of grain, and talked about the conduct of the township councils, the price of culverts, and the doing of road work. Of course this sort of thing applied largely to the older generation, and not universally to them. In every neighborhood there was always to be found some bitter partisan who probably brought his politics with him to Canada from the Old Country, and tried the best he could to make them fit in this new land. Seventy-five per cent, at least of the voters were but little informed as to the questions of the day, but they all knew whether they were Tories or Grits. Almost invariably they inherited a party name, though some of them occasionally changed over because they quarreled with the leader of their faction, sometimes over a horse trade, sometimes with regard to a line fence or "changing works."

To change one's party name, however, was a serious matter. A man who had called himself a Grit until he was twenty-five or thirty could not vote with the Tories and have it known without being tormented by his neighbors and twisted with being a "turn-coat." The knowledge of the facts was so limited that changing one's politics was largely a matter of spleen, and probably deserved to be treated as improper. With regard to the election of township councillors, reeves and deputy reeves, personal likings and dislikes, jealousies and unneighborly tiffs, had a large share, and fifty cents too much for putting in a culvert, or a dollar's extravagance in repairing a bridge, would sweep out a township councillor or a reeve as swiftly as the Pacific Scandal brought ruin to the Administration of Sir John A.

Without at all disparaging the intelligence of the farmer, I am afraid that there is a great deal of the old-fashioned politics still left in the land. Public meetings held throughout the country influence few except the floating classes, or the rare exceptions who are careful students of passing events. A meeting held in a school-house is still considered a good thing if the speakers rhetorically hammer one another and engage in such violent arguments that blows are almost reached. That sort of a meeting stirs things up, wakes the hereditary partisanship, and is likely to make the vote turn out. The fact that an effort is always made to hold general elections while the roads are good, it itself indicates how little exertion the rural population are willing to make in order to exercise their franchise. Young law students and clerks are sent out as scrutineers because the majority of the farmers will neither take the trouble to become conversant with the work nor do it.

In the cities, indeed, the apathy of the voter is quite as apparent, and if newspapers had to be relied upon to provide all the information, a considerable percentage of the



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of the Kaiser's court, which I imagine is the supreme thing, when it was settled. Even with the very small expenses for lawyers and court fees, a suit in which \$1,420 worth of goods which I had bought was originally at stake, though I was suing for \$5,000, had on the defendant's side eaten up the entire bill of goods, and doubtless had cost a considerable sum besides. As far as I was concerned, I was given the goods for nothing, but the court expenses were nearly a thousand dollars, which left me but about five hundred dollars for damages instead of the five thousand, which in a Canadian court I am certain I would have got. So with all the safeguards with which an old nation like Germany has been able to surround lawsuits, the persistent litigant can roll up a bill of costs and so delay the operation of justice that even a claimant with the very best possible grounds for suit becomes weary of the whole business. Of course when a suit is carried on at very long range this is particularly true. Nevertheless, there is much in the German procedure which is admirable, and litigants have the great advantage of knowing exactly where they are at as to the cost of both the lawyer and the court. Would it not be a wise thing for the Boards of Trade of Canada, assisted by the Federal and Provincial Governments, to employ an expert commissioner to examine all the methods of procedure in vogue, and proceed to simplify the now expensive and almost in-terminable system of collecting debts and obtaining justice?

BEFORE the last mayoralty election there never was a candidate who breathed out more violent threatenings against the Street Railway Company and all corporations holding franchises from the city, than the present occupant of the Mayor's chair. He was the apostle of the strapholders, the defender of those who could not find seats in the cars, and his friends promised, if elected, that

voters would know very little about political questions; but in workshops and warehouses during dinner hour, on the way to and from home, those who read the papers talk to those who do not, and consequently the masses are not so oblivious of what is passing around them. Thus the leaven of a thoughtful or strongly partisan mechanic or laborer to a certain extent goes through the whole loaf, and as a change of political name does not mean the same amount of obloquy in the city as it does in the country, there is a large class which will vote as their bench-mates vote, and majorities are growing more than ever dependent upon the independence and intelligence of those who control others. As men move from one town to another they carry their politics to their next place of residence as something which may be easily dropped if they get a new working mate of a different political stripe. This is true also of farmers. I have known many instances where a farmer who has moved from one locality to a place fifteen or twenty miles distant and settled down beside some engaging neighbor, has changed his political stripes to suit the new society in which he found himself.

All this being true, is it not strange that greater changes are not made in the complexion of constituencies? That such great changes are quite within the limits of possibility has been shown by dozens of men who have gradually worked at a constituency until from a minority they have obtained a majority. This majority frequently grows until the constituency is a hive of people of largely one way of voting. Taking the whole thing, however, and putting it out on the table before one, the impression is sure to be left in the mind that a general election is a very limited way of getting at the public mind—if there be such a thing. Nearly always when great changes are made in the political complexion of Canada, some great scandal has been exposed, or in hard times some new method of getting rich is suggested, or some violent prejudice, religious or racial, sweeps over the country like a cyclone. We cannot count too much on the real careful thoughtfulness of the citizen, nor upon any general wave of patriotism unless there is a war to excite the lethargic voter. Probably if the people thought more and read more they would only find arguments to bolster them stronger in their set position, and probably till the millennium comes, elections will be carried by the use of a certain amount of money and a huge amount of wind. Perhaps the most discouraging feature of the whole business is the fact that nominations are so easily obtained in many instances by those who pack the primaries so that the impossibility of getting a good member for the constituency is settled before the voting begins.

Another feature of city politics is the peculiar ease with which young men, medical students, law students, clerks, etc., coming into a center of population, select their political faith. In many instances the young man takes a look about him, sees where his opportunities are situated, and adopts the style of politics which are appropriate for the situation. I know a great many young and middle-aged men in Toronto who did not care the flip of a copper when they came here as to which political party they should identify themselves with, but seeing a chance to make some progress they sailed in as full-fledged Tories or Grits, without the slightest qualms of conscience. All of which seems to prove that in Canada we do not take our politics very seriously.

N East Toronto the Liberals have held their primary meeting to select delegates who are to meet shortly and select a candidate. The list of delegates as published is interesting, inasmuch as it reads like a couple of pages from a Dublin directory.

THE inaugural address of the young King of Italy, delivered to a brilliant conourse of princes, ambassadors and nobles, appears to have electrified all of Italy, and must have found an echo in even the unfriendly pontifical palace with its "eleven thousand rooms." The late King was a good but not essentially a strong man, while the young king, Victor Emmanuel, though rather weak physically, is said to be a reproduction of his grandfather, the liberator of Italy. The opportunities for the young king to do great things for his country are at his hand, for Italy is groaning under a terrible burden of taxation, its struggle to maintain the army and navy of a first-class power being almost greater than it can bear. If the speech, as it is described, came as a revelation of hope and inspiration to the land of palaces and peasants, the land of grandeur and of grinding poverty, one will almost see in the death of King Umberto the intervention of Providence for the rehabilitation of a nation which seemed to be sinking, by reason of its burdens, ever deeper into the mire of hopelessness.

It is said that the King wrote his own speech, not as was the habit of his father, simply reading the words of his Premier, and the scene must have been one of almost incredible emotion. A despatch says, "As the ringing manifesto proceeded, the enthusiasm of the audience rose higher and higher, until the King's voice was almost inaudible, and sounds of weeping were heard on all sides. As the assembly dispersed, the feeling of all was expressed in the words of a popular Deputy, who said, 'The master is come!'"

Prior to this wonderful address, King Victor Emmanuel was neither well known nor particularly loved throughout Italy, having been described as a small, weak and shy young fellow, whose mother could hardly persuade him to marry, he having a morbid fear that his children would be cripples. However, this is a striking instance that the man often rises equal to the occasion. In the present condition of affairs in Italy a man of strength, ability and enthusiasm was distinctly needed, though by all accounts the easy-going and non too pure politicians who surround the King are greatly disconcerted by his vigor, and hope that he will be unable to keep up the pace which he has set for himself and them. As Italy has for many years been the friend and ally of Great Britain, it is to be hoped that the changed conditions will bring a still stronger friend to the old Alliance, and that the King who seems to have within his power and capacity the doing of so much good for his country will be spared from the hand of the assassin.



UEDDINGS in September are the daily fare of the society personage. Brides never look so pretty, grooms never so gallant, as in the bland and temperate month, the resting time of nature, after toil of harvest and stress of summer. And a gallant groom was wedded to a very sweet and much-esteemed little bride on Wednesday, when the nuptial ceremony of Dr. Robert Langley Porter, of London, England, and Miss Antoinette Plumb, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Plumb, and grand-daughter of Senator Josiah Burr Plumb, was celebrated. The ceremony took place in St. Luke's church, on Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, Rev. Dr. Langtry officiating, and the choir being also in attendance. The church was decorated with September's flower, the white asters used being arranged as nosegays on the pew entrances, and with feathery ferns and palms as decorations in the chancel. Sunshine, and the mercury at 86, a wonderful temperature for the end of September, made the bridal gown and veil and the delicately fashioned frocks of the three bridesmaids additionally effective. Miss Plumb's gown was of rich satin Duchesse, with a 60-pleated train, and the skirt opening over the daintiest fans of chiffon, which also formed the guimpe and sleeves. The rare lace used on the bodice was of rose point, and the veil was an heirloom in the bride's family, and has veiled the bridal blouses of several fair daughters of the house. A spray of orange blos-

soms held it in place, and a bouquet of roses and lilies completed the petite bride's costume. Her jewels were pearls and diamonds.

Three bridesmaids, Miss Marion Laidlaw, maid of honor, Miss Lawrence, of Rochester, cousin of the bride, and Miss Sovereign, attended Miss Plumb. They wore white silk organdie over double skirts of mousseline, and the prettiest of white chiffon Spanish turbans, with choux of pink panne velvet. The frocks were most beautiful. Vandykes of tucks, with tiny standing Valenciennes ruffles, being set above the flounces of the skirt, and the tight sleeves having the two encircling puffs below the elbow in vogue in olden times. No touch of color but the pink rosette on the turban and the wealth of pink roses in the bouquets was visible. The best man was Mr. T. Wood, cousin of the groom. Mr. Douglas Plumb, Mr. Gordon Osler, and Mr. Lou McMurrich were the ushers. The bride was given away by her stepfather, Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, Q.C., at whose home in St. Vincent street Dr. and Mrs. Porter afterwards received the congratulations of the relatives and intimate friends who were invited to their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt received the guests, who then offered good wishes to the bride and groom, who were stationed in an alcove turned into a bower of greenery with palms. The buffet was set on the lawn, and there the guests soon found themselves, while on all sides congratulations on the brilliant day were heard, with more or less wonder at the midsummer heat. Mrs. Porter went away in a travelling dress of Wedgwood blue Venetian lace, lined with white satin, and opening over a tucked blouse stitched with white, and small toque to match. She has always been noted for the extreme daintiness of her frocks, and everyone admired her more than usual on Wednesday. Dr. and Mrs. Porter sail from New York on Wednesday, October 3, for London, where they will in future reside. Many exquisite gifts were sent to the bride, who has quite a large connection, and belongs to one of the oldest families in the Niagara district. Among the wedding guests were: Mr. Christopher Robinson, Mrs. Becher, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Macklem, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming, Miss Macklem, Dr. and Mrs. Ogden Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beatty, Mr. G. R. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Herbert Cawthra, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beatty, Mrs. Jack Nesbitt (Hamilton), Mrs. Lorne McGibbon (Grand Mere), Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Osler, Mrs. MacMahon, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Falconbridge, the Misses Falconbridge, Mrs. Mulock, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. John Cawthra, Mrs. and Miss Florence Scarth, Mrs. W. R. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baines, Mr. and Mrs. George Harman, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Creelman, Mr. Bernard and Miss Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Macdonald, Miss Helen Macdonald, Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Mackenzie, Mrs. Hammond, Miss Crombie, Miss Elsie Bethune, Mrs. and the Misses Macdougall, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Temple, Mrs. and Miss McMurray, Miss Naomi Temple, Mrs. Atkinson (Quebec), Miss Erie Temple, Mr. Perceval Ridout, Mr. and Mrs. Nordheimer, the Misses Nordheimer, Miss Lucy McLean Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, the Misses Fuller, Mr. Hugh and the Misses Rose, Dr. Arthur Small, Miss Small, Miss Jessie Macdonald, Dr. and Mrs. Langtry, Mr. H. Mickle, Miss Helen Armstrong, Miss Law, Miss Florence Cawthra, Mr. Arthur E. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Jack Falconbridge.

Miss Hope Morgan's name has been a drawing card for the grand concert in Massey Hall, next Thursday, and parties have been formed from Barrie, St. Kits, Hamilton, and elsewhere. Miss Hope Morgan is Judge Morgan's eldest daughter, and a niece of the late D'Alton McCarthy. Mr. Lockwood, the celebrated pianist from New York, and Mr. Evan Williams are other stars whose names are good to conjure with.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy MacMahon spent a week with Mr. Justice and Mrs. MacMahon, and returned to Ottawa on Thursday.

This afternoon at Bishop Bethune College, Oshawa, there will be a distribution of prizes and service at which the Bishop of Toronto will preside, and the authorities extend a cordial invitation to all friends to be present.

At four o'clock on Wednesday, September 19th, the marriage of Mr. Robert T. Brodie, of Hespeler, second son of Mr. R. T. Brodie, of Toronto, and Miss Laura Edna Mulloy, eldest daughter of Dr. Mulloy, of Preston, was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. R. Johnston, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Miss Mulloy wore a dress of white mousseline and Valenciennes lace, a tulle veil and orange flowers, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, carnations, and maidenhair ferns. Her sister, Miss Carrie Mulloy, and Miss Hayes of Galt, were bridesmaid and maid of honor. Miss Mulloy wearing a pink and Miss Hayes a white frock, with huge bouquets of pink roses and carnations. Mr. William Brodie, of Toronto, was best man. The drawing-room in which the ceremony took place, and the whole house, were decorated with flowers, palms and ferns, and the bridal party was inclusive only of relatives and intimate friends. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly married pair held a short, informal reception, and received the congratulations of their friends, after which all sat down to the bridal dejeuner. Later the bride appeared in a becoming going-away tailor made gown of navy blue broadcloth with a grey hat, ornamented with gulls' wings. Mr. and Mrs. Brodie took a trip through the Western States. The presents to the bride included a splendid display, made up of gifts sent from Montreal, New York, Windsor, Rossland, B.C., Galt, Hespeler, Doon, Blair, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Chicago, Toronto, Hamilton, Yatton, Walkerton and other places. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome secretary, and to the bridesmaids pretty pearl-handled fans. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brodie, of Hespeler, sent a cabinet of magnificent silver; the bride's father gave a handsome Limoges tea set and the fine brick residence, lately occupied by Mr. C. Beal, in Hespeler, which will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brodie on their return from their wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William Worden have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret Florence Worden, and Mr. William George Ross Gordon. The ceremony takes place on Wednesday, October 10th, at St. Luke's church, at half-past two o'clock, with a reception afterwards at 29 St. Vincent street.

Mr. Frank O'Hara, private secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, has been in town this week. Miss Gertrude O'Hara, who has been in Chatham nursing her late brother, the Master in Chancery, has returned to Toronto.

Mrs. H. H. Humphrey, of Pembroke street, will receive on the second and third Mondays.

Chief's Island, that beautiful Muskoka residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Mason, is now closed, as Mrs. Mason returned home on Wednesday, after royally entertaining many friends during the season. Miss Amy Mason and Mrs. H. Alley and her little people returned on Monday. All are looking extremely well, especially the young folks.

Mrs. Cattanach and Miss Cattanach left by the 5.20 train last Sunday for a long sojourn in the Old Country. In the spring, Miss Emily will join her mother and sister.

Miss Edith Ward, of New York, sister of Mr. C. A. Ward, is a student this year at the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Bloor street.

Mrs. Temple, of Simcoe street, who with her children has spent the summer at De Grassi Point, Lake Simcoe, returned home this week. Mrs. Atkinson, nee Temple, of

Quebec, is with her parents on a visit. The long anxiety which this loving family has been under in regard to the welfare of the young soldier, Lieut. Reginald Temple, is now lightened by the prospect of welcoming him home soon from South Africa.

The death of Mr. Bucham, father of Mrs. Ziba Gallagher, of course cancelled the post-nuptial reception announced to be held by Mrs. Gallagher.

Miss Margaret Thomson went to Chicago for a short trip this week. Miss Jean Milne is returning to London, Eng., shortly. Mrs. Krell is with a brother in Denver.

At All Saints' church at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, Miss Annie T. Fawcett, youngest daughter of Mr. M. Fawcett, 41 Grenville street, was married to W. Stewart Curran, Esq., M.D., of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Ottawa, Ont. The bridesmaid was the bride's cousin, Miss Lizzie Thompson, and the groomsman Rev. R. B. H. Bell, B.A. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin, assisted by Rev. James Thompson, of Ingersoll, uncle of the bride. Dr. and Mrs. Curran left by the eleven o'clock train for Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are spending some weeks in Muskoka. Miss Ravenshaw is arranging a studio down town.

An engagement was announced at The Hague, on August 21st, between Lieutenant Sir John Alexander Van Hogenhonck Tulleken, a distinguished staff officer of the Dutch army, and Miss Frances Dignam, only daughter of Mrs. Dignam, president of the Woman's Art Association, Toronto.

St. Paul's church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., was beautiful with decorations of palms, golden rod and autumn leaves, on Wednesday, September 19, and filled with a fashionable audience to witness the wedding of Miss Lillian Hammond Dodd, daughter of Hon. Thomas Dodd, to Mr. Harry E. Mahon, barrister-at-law, of Halifax, and son of the late Edward T. Mahon. During the seating of the guests Prof. Earle presided at the organ. Long before the appointed hour the many friends of the young people were shown to their places in the densely packed church by a staff of courteous ushers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Leo Williams, rector, assisted by Rev. W. H. Sampson, of St. John, N.B. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Winifred Cotton as maid of honor, while Miss Annie Mahon, sister of the groom, and Miss Ethel Davies, daughter of Sir Louis Davies, were bridesmaids. The groomsman was the groom's cousin, Mr. Fitzroy Elliot, of Halifax. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of white mousseline de soie over ivory satin, a dainty fichu of chiffon and lace being clasped with a diamond and pearl pendant, the gift of the groom. The bridal veil was becomingly fastened with tiny clusters of orange blossoms and lily of the valley, and the bride's bouquet was a shower of white roses and maidenhair fern. The maid of honor wore pale green organdie, prettily trimmed with insertion of Valenciennes lace with a dainty fichu. The bridesmaids wore white organdie over pink, designed in the same fashion, and picture hats of chifons. They all wore initial clasps studded with pearls, the gift of the groom, and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations. The dejeuner was served after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents to immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. The bride's going-away gown was a handsome tailor-made of dark grey cloth. Mr. and Mrs. Mahon were passengers by the westbound train en route to Summerside. A very large number were at the station to see them off. On their return from their wedding tour the happy couple will reside at 49 Inglis street, Halifax. Sir Louis and Lady Davies gave a dance in the evening for the guests at the wedding.

Captain W. B. Ramsay, recently on six months' leave from South Africa, was in town this week, stopping at the Queen's, with his father, Mr. William Ramsay, of Midlothian, Scotland. Captain Fred Ramsay, of the 48th Highlanders, who went to South Africa with the first contingent, is a brother of Captain W. B. Ramsay. He was transferred to Brabant's Horse, the latest news of him being his release by the Boers after sixteen days' confinement at Wepener.

Miss Ross, daughter of the Premier of Ontario, has been winning great success at a lecture on Domestic Science, in Kingston. The eloquence of her father has evidently been inherited by this clever young lady, whose Toronto friends will be glad of her success.

Dr. Eleanor Lennox leaves to-day for a visit to friends in Chatham.

Mrs. Killem, wife of Chief Justice Killem, of Winnipeg, was in town last week, placing her young daughter, Miss Gladys Killem, in pension at Miss Veal's school. Mrs. Killem was at the Queen's Hotel, where friends were charmed to see her, for she is one of the most popular of women.

Senator and Mrs. Kirchhoffer are the hosts of Lord and Lady Minto.

On Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, a quiet ceremony at St. George's church celebrated the marriage of Mr. Charles Abbott Ward, of the Arlington, and Miss Ida Alexandra Dowson, daughter of Mr. George Dowson, of Wood street. Miss Dowson was attended by Miss Cassidy as bridesmaid, and Mr. Austin Dowson was best man. Rev. M. Hare, who is in charge of St. George's during Canon Cayley's leave, performed the ceremony. The bride wore a Venetian cloth gown, of mulberry shade, very smartly made, and applied with black taffeta, the skirt having three shaped flounces and the coat fitting tightly; a large velvet toque to match, with Du Barry pink trimmings and guipure lace, a jet quill and Rhinestone buckle. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. The bridesmaid wore Oxford grey, trimmed with stitched black taffeta bands, and a turban of emerald green velvet, with iridescent crown over turquoise silk. These smart hats were from Stitt, and Mrs. Catto turned out the very pretty gowns. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are spending a fortnight in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, and on their return will re-

turn at the Ar'lington Hotel.

The last of the Island dinners and dances at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club Island house was a very bright and somewhat regretful reunion, for never has there been such an enjoyable series as this fast flying summer has given to the jolly yachtsmen and their fair friends. Several dinner parties began the evening, and shortly after eight the young folks began to arrive, mostly by boat, for not many are left of the Island residents who have brightened the picturesque club-house with their young and merry life this season. So anxious were they for their adored two-steps that the first Lancers only had one set formed. All down the wide room the two-steppers had their fling, though the music was sometimes a bit off, as may be imagined, as the orchestra were faithful to the set and the programme. Goodbyes were said regretfully to the pretty spot, as the next Monday hop, and other October ones, will take place at the town house, and the late boat brought over the pretty girls and their escorts at 11.15, thus closing the happy summer season.

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Social and Personal.

Rev. C. Brereton and Mrs. Brereton (nee Huntingford) who have been for some weeks guests of Professor and Mrs. Huntingford on the West Side, left this week for the coast, intending to go south into California for the winter.

Rev. Cameron Nelles Wilson was ordained priest in St. Alban's Cathedral by the Bishop of Toronto on Sunday last. This young clergyman was formerly in residence at Trinity, where he was immensely popular, and has from time to time written many clever articles, tales and sketches which have made his name familiar to readers. Rev. Mr. Wilson was in town all week meeting old friends, and returned to his Brantford relatives before Sunday.

Reference was made last week to the failing health of Mrs. Denison of Rusholme. This lady expired on Tuesday at the advanced age of 84, being two years older than Queen Victoria, who, as Mrs. Denison would quaintly say, was born on her birthday, the elder lady being also dated May 24th. Mrs. Denison was for many years a widow and resided at the homestead, where from time to time her children visited her and where Miss Denison, her only unmarried child, was her devoted companion and nurse. Colonel G. T. Denison, Colonel Clarence Denison, G.G.B.G., Mr. Henry Denison, a banker in Davenport, Iowa, Captain

their curriculum a department of domestic science. From these institutions many teachers have already been qualified to teach this subject. Classes for the poor, in the poorest districts of cities, have been successfully carried on and many poor women taught the dignity and the delight of home-making. Instruction has also been furnished to the inmates of philanthropic institutions for boys and girls, and numerous waifs have been elevated to the dignity of self-support in an honorable and extremely profitable occupation.

On behalf of the India famine sufferers Miss Caroline Macklem of Sylvan Tower gratefully acknowledges the following contributions: C. Handyside, \$2; Anonymous, \$5; Miss A. G. McHeffy, Amherst, N.S., \$2; Mr. G. A. Mackenzie, Toronto, \$5; F. J. H., \$1; Mrs. W. A. Hamilton \$2; proceeds of an entertainment given by seven little girls on the lake shore of Dunnville, \$1.85; Sympathizer, Milton, 25c; Anonymous, Alandale, \$1; Miss G. F. Rallen, Hillier, 25c; Mrs. N. C. Clancy, Deseronto, 50c; "Anglican" Deseronto, \$5; Friend, Jarvis, \$2; Miss Helen and Miss Gladys Ardagh Barrie, \$2; "Inasmuch," Burford, \$1; Mrs. Bernard, Collingwood, \$2; Miss Campbell, Collingwood, \$2; Mr. Arthur Ellis, Collingwood, 45c; H. E. Wright, \$1; "Paddy O'Rafferty," Owen Sound, \$2; M. P. G., London, Ont., \$2; Mr. Samuel Sheep, Oshawa, \$1; Mrs. Bonwick, \$5; J. S. Armstrong, Port Hawkesbury, \$15; Mrs. Sparrow, \$1; Dorothy W. H. Hamilton, \$4; For Christ's Sake, 20c; H. M. C. Petrolea, \$1; Jane R., \$3; Jane R. (for leper famine), \$2. Miss Macklem also writes: "This is all most welcome, and I am truly grateful to all the kind friends who have enabled me again to send a draft for the Bihl District, amounting to \$178.70. This will feed many. Perhaps other readers who have not yet helped these poor people will send something, that another instalment may soon be on its way. Money is still needed for food for clothing and blankets, and for seeds for the poor farmers to stock their little farms again, and return to their desolate homes. It is more blessed to give than to receive, and if ever we have had the opportunity of winning that blessing it has been during this sad year of famine and war. The cry that one hears on every side is 'Give' and give quickly. Please remember the poor lepers in your offerings." Address subscriptions to Miss Caroline Macklem, Sylvan Tower, Rosedale, Toronto.

Mrs. Loudon has sent out cards for an At Home at her residence, 83 St. George street, on next Tuesday afternoon from 4.30 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. W. P. Lumbers (nee Logan) will hold her post-nuptial reception on Tuesday afternoon, October 2, at her residence, 9 Selby street.

On Monday morning at Brooklyn the death took place of a former Torontonian, Mrs. John Garvin, whose husband's decease took place only a short while since. Mrs. Garvin has visited this city each summer, and has for twelve years or more been a resident of West View, Hanlan's Point. While Mrs. Garvin resided in Toronto, she was an active charity worker, having been for many years a member of the Board of the Girls' Home, for which she worked most faithfully. Mrs. Garvin only left Toronto last Thursday, and her young daughter, Miss Winnifred, was one of the most bright and admired of the guests at the Argonauts' dance a few days ago. Mrs. Garvin was interred in St. James Cemetery, Toronto, on Wednesday. She leaves a family of six children, three sons, Messrs. Fred and James, who reside in New York; John, a journalist, who lives in Ottawa, and three daughters, Mrs. H. F. Darrell, of Toronto, and Misses Winnifred and Mattie Garvin, who live in Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leckle, of Dowling avenue, Parkdale, leave this week for the Pacific Coast. During their absence Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Torrey will occupy their residence. Mrs. Torrey will be at home Thursdays, 1st and third.

Miss Tilla Lapatnikoff is arranging a recital for the evening of October 15th in St. George's Hall, at which she will sing A May Morning, three little German songs, a waltz song, Tolstoy's Goodbye, and an operatic solo from Robert le Diable. Mr. Frank S. Welsman and Mr. Charles Russell, a cellist of repute now on tour in Canada, will assist the fair songstress. Mrs. Blight will play the accompaniments. Miss Lapatnikoff is a pupil of Mrs. Reynolds Reburn, Mr. Arthur Vander Lufte and Signor Agnramonte of New York. The patrons are: Mrs. G. W. Ross, Lady Taylor, Mrs. Wyld, Mrs. Campbell Macdonald, Mrs. Geo. Dickson, Mrs. (Justice) Street, Mrs. Jean Bluest, Mrs. (Judge) Lister, Mrs. Geo. Carver, Mrs. J. W. Leonard, Mrs. W. R. Riddell, Mrs. A. B. Aylsworth, Mrs. Broughall and Mrs. Geo. Gooderham.

The dance at the Argonaut Club on Saturday, September 15 (an account of which was unfortunately crowded out last week), was a great success, the races were the same, the weather, for all but the staylators, who got a bit of rain, was lovely. So many pretty girls, surely, never were together in any of the club's festivities. Great credit is due for the success of the evening to the club's entertainment committee, Messrs. Henry B. Macdonald, Randolph S. Stockwell, Fred C. Husband, Miss E. L. Haworth and Miss A. L. Coleman.

The National Household Economic Association, which holds its eighth annual meeting at Toronto next week, by the request of the Mayor and the City Council, has its branch organizations in twenty-nine different States of the Union. Among its members are many women well known throughout the States and Canada for their active interest in all matters which have made for the education of women and the better development of the home. Through their agency many schools of domestic science have been originated and successfully managed. Many public schools and colleges have added to

ice cream, and encores were the order of the day, or rather evening. A list of the guests would occupy too much space, for the room was crowded for the dance, and no sooner had a detachment of early home-goers left than their places were filled by a crowd hurrying from the Woodbine to see the final four-oar race, and have a belated waltz or two-step on the perfect floor. A rumor of a most interesting engagement was afloat at the Argonaut dance, but for the present no more must be said about it.

The Victoria Club was the scene of some good tennis last week. On Wednesday and Friday tea was also served by the committee to guests who came to watch the game. Mr. and Mrs. S. Alfred Jones, Mrs. Julius Miles, Mrs. Murray Alexander, Miss Norah Sullivan, the Misses Pentelow, charming English guests of Mrs. McIntyre, who returned home this week; Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Strathy, Mr. Marsland, Mr. Boddy, were a few of those watching the play on Wednesday. The spectators should have been much more numerous, but tennis is no longer a "game" to conjure with.

Mrs. E. R. Alison held her post-nuptial receptions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Wednesday evening, September 25 and 26, and will receive the first and third Tuesdays during the season.

Mrs. Senton Arnton is en pension at Surrey Villa. She has been for some years in Washington, studying physical culture and other up-to-date subjects. Her Toronto friends will be glad to welcome her back.

Mrs. Harry R. Flett (nee Trolley) held her post-nuptial reception yesterday, and will also receive this afternoon, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Will E. Orr, 59 Shannon street.

Mrs. Lugsdin will receive the first and second Fridays, instead of Tuesdays, as formerly.

Mrs. L. M. Harris held her post-nuptial reception at 72 Close avenue yesterday afternoon and evening.

Miss Florence Fletcher, 74 Bathurst street, is spending a few weeks with friends in London and other western points.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blackburn, formerly of 48 Roxborough street west, are now en pension at 240 College street, where Mrs. Blackburn will receive as usual on the first and second Thursdays.

Mrs. Frank W. Bailey (nee White) will receive at her new home, 170 Roxborough street east, on Monday and Tuesday, October 1 and 2, when her friends will hasten to welcome her as a matron who has so graced her large circle as a very popular young belle. Mrs. Bailey will afterwards receive on Mondays.

A very lovely figure at this fall's race meet was Miss Sybil Seymour, in a perfectly made gray dress, with white guippe and a knot of primrose velvet on one side. It is said that her fiance, Captain Pearce, is now better, and will return invalided to the south of France, where Miss Seymour may also journey, that the marriage may take place there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cawthra got home from Japan, and were at the races. Mrs. Murray Alexander has returned from a most pleasant visit with Mrs. J. Herbert Mason in Muskoka. Mrs. Allen Cassells and Miss Audrey Allan have returned from England. Miss Begg, a charming and popular girl, who has spent the summer with Mrs. Coulson, sailed for Scotland this week. Dr. and Mrs. Harley Smith have returned from the seaside. Dr. and Mrs. Earl Willmot have returned from Muskoka. Dr. Owens of London, Eng., is the guest of Mr. Irving Cameron, 307 Sherbourne street. Miss Edith Jones has gone to New York.

Many lovers of china admired an exhibit in a Yonge street window last week. It consisted of part of a set of china which went this week to the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and is the clever work of Miss Lillian M. D'Espard of Binscarth road. On each of the fruit plates is a familiar scene from Shakespeare, those depicting Arthur and Hubert, Juliet in the cell of Friar Lawrence, wooing of King Henry V., and Puck and the Fairies, being particularly dainty and attractive. The bread and butter plates and the tea and coffee cups and saucers are done in tiny Dresden figures, and are extremely well executed.

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AT last the jangling freight train came to a standstill, and, as the voices and lanterns of the train bands died away in the distance, Finnister prepared to crawl out. Through the loosened

bar of the half-cleaned cattle car he crept, and dropped heavily down into the snowy darkness. His numb body could scarce feel the reality of solid earth; but he plunged forward across innumerable tracks toward the bridge which led over into the city proper. A tramp? Yes, and worse; as they are worse who, having known better things, are not able to keep them. A penniless gentleman, he had thought bitterly, is poorer than the veriest beggar. But now he was almost past thinking, though what he did was done from the kind of instinct which follows upon much thought. Cold, unwashed, smelling of the foul gunny sack in which he had wrapped himself in the cattle car, Finnister pushed on because there was still one place to push to. At the Friendly Inn he could get food, a bath, a night's lodging, in return for some wood sawing, if the malign fever, the crown of his misfortunes, had left him strength to do it. Moreover, until all else was swallowed up in this sense of gnawing, nauseating hunger, he had felt that his cup of misery was not quite full, that there was some excitement still in seeing how much more it would hold, and how much more bitter the drops might be. Motion, however, was requickening the power to suffer and to think. He was like a man whose tormentors had left him for a time that the necessary recuperation might take place which should make further torment all the keener. The softness under his feet, the cold feather air all about him—why not lie down here and end it thus? Lethe's cup holds many potions; why not drink his off, and give up an unequal strife? Though grievous enough, it was not so much bodily distress that afflicted him as that dire mental pain which comes when a man looks into the future and sees a blank. He remembered a miner who told him of a torture by some Indians, how they tied a ligature round a man's arm, skilfully stopped the circulation, then waited and jeered their victim as he went slowly mad.

Finnister felt that something had stopped in him the circulation of Hope, the most healthful current in man's whole nature, and he wondered what madness might be like. Should he lie down, then? No, not yet; he would at least prove a gallant player, would give Life the odds even, would wait till the cup brimmed over. Then, if there were nothing else, why then he would pass through what had been so aptly called the open door. Strange, he thought, that Life which plays such tricks with men should, as by an oversight, have placed the power to leave Life's presence in man's own weak hand.

He pushed and stumbled on in the semi-darkness, for the lights were here so far apart that if the snow thickened there was danger of losing the way.

The bridge once gained, he paused to draw breath. From end to end it was a blaze of lights, and light in itself is friendly. Yet the bridge was solitary, save for a single figure ahead but dimly seen in the distance. It must have been very late, and in that case there was small chance of his getting in even at the Friendly Inn; moreover, he did not know just where the inn was, and wished to ask. So he quickened his steps till abreast of the figure. As the stranger turned, the light fell full on his face, and he looked at Finnister from under cavernous brows with the pale, phosphorescent-rimmed eyes of a great age.

"Good evening, mate," said Finnister, re-klessly. "Good evening, sir," returned the old man.

Poverty and wealth, which have many points in common, are alike in this, that they cruelly center one possessor of either upon himself. But the old man's tone and manner so belied his appearance that Finnister's attention was involuntarily aroused, and he stared curiously at the speaker. Once the old man must have been unusually tall and correspondingly strong, but now his clothes and an ample cloak hung oddly upon the gaunt, shrunken frame. Yet his voice was anything but old. Strangely soft, low and clear, he spoke upon a single note, a flute-like monotone, as if every other quality of the voice had gone; and he ended his words with a long, gentle sigh. The voice seemed disembodied, an articulate sound, and Finnister wondered whether he had really heard, or whether a sense of speech had come to him from the old man's mind and will. Tinged eyes continued fixed upon him, and he felt he had never seen eyes at once so old and yet so alive in their expression.

"You are a stranger," said Finnister, unconsciously speaking his thoughts and half realizing that this momentary getting away from himself was, in itself, refreshment.

"I am always a stranger, and yet have I been this way before."

"I thought you might be able to tell me just where the Friendly Inn is," said Finnister, after a slight pause.

"It is two squares above the levee on South Clyde street."

"Perhaps you, too, are going there," suggested Finnister, with some wistfulness in his tone.

"No, I lodge elsewhere; but I will go with you and show you the exact way," responded the old man.

"I would not for the world on a night like this take an old man out of his way."

"I am never taken out of my way; and I am not permitted to go out of it," said the stranger, smiling. His smile, like his voice, was exquisite, but seemed to be of the same strange unchanging quality. Unconsciously Finnister drew closer to him. The old man carried a staff which, however, he did not use yet kept briskly apace with the younger man. Finnister was surprised.

"Time will be good to you, sir," he said, wonderingly; "there is no shuffle in your feet, no lack of muscular activity in your limbs and body."

"And time will be good to you," instantly replied the other, "if you will give time and yourself the chance."

Finnister started. "Why do you say that?" he demanded.

"Because you are unfortunate, not guilty. Time is true to all; but only to the innocent can time appear good and kind."

Finnister gave a mirthless laugh. "That's hackneyed," he exclaimed. "But how did you guess I am unfortunate?"

"Did not guess; I saw."

"That's easily seen," said Finnister bitterly, "for no one goes to the Friendly Inn who has anywhere else to go."

"The inn will be closed; it is long past the hour, and you must go with me." The stranger spoke gently, yet with a certainty that gave Finnister a thrill.

"Unfortunate? Yes!" he cried scornfully. "How unfortunate you may well see when I am forced to accept charity from a chance stranger."

"You speak as one not knowing Life," answered the old man in his singular, soft voice, a voice which seemed also from time and space and their interests. "There is no such thing as charity, as you use the word. Mine is the privilege."

There was that in his tone and manner which carried conviction.

"You are kind to put it so," said Finnister more gently. "But—no know Life? Man, I have drunk its cup to the dregs!"

"And, and think you can see the bottom of the cup below the dregs," returned the stranger, calmly. "You are going to the Friendly Inn, but neither thought nor intention rests there; they are forging beyond, toward the open door."

Again Finnister started. "And what then?" he asked defiantly.

"Do you think Life so simple that so easy a turn may end it? You will admit that you did not give yourself Life? Do you think I can take Life?"

"I might at least try," hazarded Finnister, moodily. "There is room, too, for expectation in the thought of possibly seeing what comes next."

The stranger made no immediate reply. There was no wind, and the fine dry snow fell straight about them with always increasing swiftness. The old man drew closer to Finnister. "I, who am the least of the King's servants, know all too little of His laws. But I know that they dare to much who go unsummoned into His presence; they may not have held out to them the golden sceptre."

A fanatic, thought Finnister. "Well," said he, "suppose, going unbidden, we are sent to the other place—isn't it likely to be warm there, and light, and at least not hungry?" And again he gave that hard, jarring laugh.

"It depends on what you find there," said the stranger, quietly. "If you know anything of Life, you know there is no worm so gnawing as the worm regret; no fire so tormenting as unsatisfied desire."

"Well," said Finnister, less harshly. "Let us hope that on the other side there is neither worm nor fire, but only oblivion: that, passing through the open door, we step off into nothingness again."

Without pausing, and with a bare turn of the wrist, the stranger drew with his staff a figure in the snow. If suggested to Finnister the figure eight.

"The earth is round," said the old man, "and we may not step off anywhere. There is no end. There is choice of action and of masters, or we may deceive ourselves by thinking we are free; that is all. The open door! On the other side there is indeed manfold—He paused.

"You speak as if you, yourself, had at least looked through the open door," said Finnister, half smiling.

"I have," returned the old man with stern simplicity, "even though it be but a lure, a snare. For to those who know something of the truth the door does truly stand at times ajar, and through it one may catch glimpses. I am old. I have traveled long to and fro upon the earth, and I have now and then looked through that door."

"How—when?" cried Finnister, in surprise.

"As to-night, through you, and with your eyes," replied the old man gravely. "The bridge is long," he continued. "It waxed colder. Put your hand in my arm under my cloak, and let me warm you. Never mind my years; they no longer count. Enough that I am still here upon the service of the King."

Wondering and willing to humor his companion, Finnister did as he was bid, and found decided warmth and greater ease in walking by reason of this nearness.

"They that are overcome with misery are as they that are overcome with wine—the truth drops from their lips," continued the stranger. "You think if I did but know your story I should be forced to admit that you know to the full Life's ill. But relief does not that way lie where your thoughts point. Believe me, on this side the open door you still have choice; on the other, choice is forfeited. Here, you are what men call free; there, you are a captive, and you little dream who would be your keeper and leader."

"My story?" cried Finnister, somewhat sobered from his recklessness and looking wonderingly into the strange old eyes so near his own. "A few minutes ago my story seemed the whole of life; but now, hearing your voice, your words, it seems lessening, fading away from me, like something outgrown, outlived."

"The man is greater than any story he may have to tell, greater than any of Life's mere happenings—you had forgotten that," said the old man, gently.

"I never felt it, never knew it, till now," returned Finnister, quickly. "But—I will tell you my story. I am

arm of his aged companion.

"Couldn't you give me work? Let me go with you!" he exclaimed.

"That is forbidden," said the stranger gently. "The judgment is that I must go on alone."

Finnister was awed, for there was such certainty in the old man's tone that there was no gainsaying.

"And your story?" he ventured to ask presently.

"It is so old as to be forgotten," was the reply. "My name, too, is gone with the lips that once knew and uttered it."

Finnister gazed into his face with wonder. "You are wise; you must have seen much of Life, have known much—surely you might tell me something of yourself," he entreated.

"Will you believe?" replied the old man, smiling. "I was one who once came to the Master, asking what good I should do to inherit eternal life. I wanted more life, not less, and wanted it for myself, for I had great possessions. The man who thinks Life purchasable is as far wrong as he who thinks Life worthless and to be thrown away. Grieved at the answer made me, I turned and went away. And I wander, as long as there is Life of men upon the earth, to work out for myself the answer to my question. For not until the Master shall have made the circle of humanity will He come to me again. So, as I turned from Him once, I must await His coming now. But my life, though solitary, is not apart. It is bound up with your life, with all lives. Whenever I am permitted to do what is called a good deed, a deed that increases Life, my probation is shortened. For every good deed is a privilege, because a special service to the King. You will know me by my sign, the double circles of time and of eternity." And again the old man made in the snow the outline of the figure eight.

A great awe fell upon Finnister. He scarcely dared think who his strange companion might be.

But they had now left the bridge and were making their way through the city streets.

"We are here," said the old man at last, and stopped. It was in one of the poorest parts of the city, almost unknown to Finnister, and the door they paused before stood partly open. The old man knocked quickly, and presented an elderly woman, holding a lantern high above her head, came down the steep flight of black, narrow stairs upon which the door opened. Without a word the two followed her up the steps, and she showed them into a clean, almost bare room. The stranger and Finnister seated themselves at a table, and, without delay, the woman ministered to them. Warmth and drowsiness together stole soothingly through Finnister, yet while sensible of them his whole attention was fixed upon his preserver.

"Tell me," he said, taking his lips from the cup of hot broth, and resting his arm on the table, "tell me, if I had passed through the open door, where should I have been? Who would have been my keeper?"

The air seemed to be growing heavy as well as hot, and the voice of the old man was like a tinkling, far-off bell. With eyes fixed upon Finnister's he said:

"No gift of Heaven is ever taken back. Men may change the use of it, but it is never withdrawn. It was promised to the disciples of the Master that they should sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And yet one was a devil, one was the traitor who forid himself, and went to his own place. Yet has he his throne, his kingdom. All who kill belong to him and are his followers. He is keeper and leader of them all, and of those who betray. To pass the open door, therefore, is to stand face to face with the great betrayer. On his throne, in chains, if you can understand what that means, he rules a kingdom in chains; and woe betide the soul which finds itself in his power and presence! It is where hope ends and remorse begins. But you have been spared. What you would have destroyed is not your life, but your power of choice in life. Your hardest trial is over. Your employer, too, has learned his lesson. After you left him, he took a young man, brilliantly capable, indeed, but unworthy. The firm has suffered heavy loss. But your employer has, in his turn, learned that faithful service, truth and honesty are priceless. You will go back to him, and will serve under conditions better for you both. And I," he said, smiling, "I shall go on—on—on." The voice appeared to die away in the distance, and Finnister slept.

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Curious Bits of News.

Between Worms and Frankenthal, in Germany, there has been laid bare an immense tomb filled with prehistoric remains four thousand years old. The skeletons show that they are those of a tall, strong race. The bodies were all buried in a stooping position.

The annual crop of mushrooms in France is valued at \$2,000,000, and there are sixty wholesale firms in Paris dealing exclusively in them. In the Department of the Seine, it appears, there are some 3,000 caves in which mushrooms are grown, and about 300 persons are employed in their culture.

The tea used in the immediate household of the Emperor of China is treated with the **utmost care**. It is raised in a garden surrounded by a wall, so that neither man nor beast can get anywhere near the plants. At the time of the harvest those collecting these leaves must abstain from eating fish, that their breath may not spoil the aroma of the tea; they must bathe three times a day, and, in addition, must wear gloves.

A novelty just placed on the market is a water-tight watch, which is particularly designed for soldiers going on foreign service. The back, instead of being supplied with a spring, is screwed on, and the stem-winding apparatus is protected by a screw-top. One of these timepieces has for months been running and keeping perfect time while constantly submerged in a jar of water in a London shop window.

Cecil Rhodes once fitted up a beautiful cemetery near Kimberley, but for some reason it remained untenanted. Seeing this, Mr. Rhodes offered a bonus to widows who would bring their husbands to be buried in his cemetery, but without avail. Eventually one poor woman allowed her husband to be buried there, and a handsome marble stone was erected over his grave. But even then the scheme hung fire; the inhabitants, passing the gates of the beautiful cemetery, would look through the railings and see the one man lying there in solitary state, and go away shaking their heads and thinking how lonely it must be. Mr. Rhodes got so exasperated that he increased the bonus until it was a large sum. Then the inhabitants gradually began to weaken, one after the other, bringing their dead to the lonely cemetery, which became as popular as such a place can possibly be.

Some Animal Stories.

WHEN a good sheepdog is in charge of a flock of sheep he has one regular way of driving and punishing those that stray. He nips lightly with his teeth the sheep's hindleg, just below the hock. A dog called Ralph, belonging to a sheep-farmer on the chalk downs near Hungerford, in Wiltshire, was noticed by the shepherd to allow one of the flock a great deal more liberty than any of the others. Curious to know if this was only fancy on his part, the shepherd set the dog on to the sheep as soon as it began to stray again. The collie ran round the creature, pushed it, licked it, but absolutely refused to bite it. The dog never relaxed in the least in his severity towards the rest of the flock, but to his special pet he could not be too kind, and eventually it was found necessary, for the sake of discipline, to get rid of this spoilt creature.

Horses are always fond of the stable cat. The great race-horse Australian was so passionately attached to his special cat that wherever he went she had to be taken, too. He could not be trusted at the starting-post unless his cat had been in his stall before he was taken out. The Godolphin Arab Scham—the first Arab thoroughbred brought to England—had a black cat, which always slept on his back. One day he accidentally crushed her. After that the mere sight of a cat sent the great horse into convulsions of fright.

A market gardener at Croydon was amazed one day to find that a basket he had filled with carrots half an hour before was unaccountably empty. He refilled the basket, and hid behind a trellis to watch for the thief. He could hardly believe his eyes when he saw a little half-bred terrier that he kept about the place as watchdog, take a carrot in its mouth and slink off. Dogs do not eat raw carrots, so he



She—Did you ever feel like committing suicide?
He—No, I never could imagine the world without me.—*Fliegende Blätter*

quietly followed the animal. The dog went straight to the stable, and, wagging his tail, presented the carrot to the horse in whose stall he slept. The scene was repeated until the supply of carrots was exhausted.

The writer once owned an American raccoon, which was a most amusing but very mischievous pet. It was kept chained like a dog in a kennel, and only allowed out when someone was watching him. One day a little black kitten was found in his kennel.

She must have strayed within reach of his chain and he caught her and adopted her. He treated her as well as her own mother could have done, and divided all his food with her. She always slept between his forepaws. When she got bigger it was his delight to set her loose and allowed to play with her. The two would scamper all over the garden, and if any stray dog approached, the sharp little cry of the raccoon warned pussy to escape up a tree.

Animals often adopt the young of other creatures. Cats have taken care of young rats, rabbits and ferrets. At Arnsberg, in Germany, a case was recently reported of a large cat taking in hand the rearing of five little chickens. Monkeys are especially fond of pets. A baboon called Attila, belonging to a well-known autocrat, took under her protection a long-tailed monkey called Hassan. She petted him so long as he followed and obeyed her. But if he ventured to eat anything she had not given him she would cuff him violently. The same ape afterwards adopted a kitten, the claws of which she bit off, for fear of their scratching her.

In some thick rose-bushes near a house belonging to friends of the great naturalist, J. G. Wood, a pair of finches nested, and were fed by the people of the house. A gray parrot noticed these proceedings, and one day escaped from his cage, went straight to the nest, imitated the call of the finches and began feeding the little ones with some of his own food. The old finch flew away in terror, and Polly calmly appropriated the entire family. He fed them until they were old enough to feed themselves, refusing to return to his cage, and staying day and night with his foster-children. The tiny creatures would perch on his head and neck, and seemed fully to realize that the parrot was their protector.—Harmsworth's "Answers."

Ma'am to Her Majesty.

If you should happen to meet Queen Victoria, don't say to her, "Your Majesty," or try to think of a longer phrase. Just say "Ma'am." It is easier. Besides, it happens to be correct, says an English weekly paper. Mr. Gladstone used to pronounce it "Mum."

The formal title "Your Majesty" is used upon ceremonial occasions, and servants are expected to use it at all times.

When the Prince of Wales becomes king he will be addressed as "Sire." This might be shortened to "Sir" without offence.

The Emperor of Germany is a proud and haughty war lord, but his title is simply "Majestæt." There is no pronoun even to his family, except when in privacy. The Emperor of Austria is "Eure Majestæt" at all times. The King of Greece is "Votre Majestæt"—French being the court language—and the King of Sweden is "Ers Majestæt." At the Belgian and Italian courts the sovereign is greeted as "Sire" or "Madame."

Minister's Food.

Rev. J. B. Ley, pastor of the First M. E. Church, South Tampa, Fla., had an interesting experience when his family were compelled to leave on account of the yellow fever. He says: "Last September, when we were visited by a yellow fever scare, my family left for an indefinite stay in the interior.

"I had for about two years been under considerable physical and mental strain, and my nervous system seemed to utterly give way. I had some excellent physicians, but their remedial agencies failed to reach the case—at best afforded only temporary relief.

"At the time the family left, my attention was called to Grape-Nuts food. Several things had led me to believe that my troubles were largely due to improper nutrition. The absence of the family gave me a good opportunity to try the new food, for it is perfectly cooked and therefore required no work on my part.

"So I began to make two meals a day, supper and breakfast, on Grape-Nuts and cream or milk, and had nothing else. I confined myself to the proper allowance, not overeating. The improvement was marked, almost from the first—my digestion was better, sleep became regular and restful, and I began to gain flesh. I could soon do work with less fatigue and more satisfaction.

"My nervous system has been wonderfully improved, and to-day I weigh more than I have ever weighed, and find my strength equal to all the responsibility. This is not all; on the return of the family Grape-Nuts became a regular article of food at the morning hour. The children ate it and improved.

"My wife, who was nursing an infant, discovered that after she began using Grape-Nuts regularly for the first time in many years, Nature's food supply for the baby was adequate, without resorting to artificial substances. Grape-Nuts food not only carried us through the sickly season, but has been a Godsend to our entire family."

"Excuse me, Meester Andrews. I like to ask, eef you plees, w'at ees a pol' bear?"

"A polar bear?" said Andrews. "Why, he's a—a bear, you know, a big, white bear."

"Yess, Meester Andrews, I know. Excuse me. Bot I like to know w'at e' do."

"What he does?" said Andrews. "Why, he—he lives up at the north pole."

"Excuse me, Meester Andrews. I no care w're e' leef. I like know

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past. The Duc d'Orleans seems to have "harked back" in character to Egmont, for he has nothing of the sobriety and finesse of the Comte de Paris or of Louis Philippe. If he had lived a hundred years ago his head would have been chopped off at an early stage of his career."

The Lansdowne Estates.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, who is slated to retire from the War Office after the forthcoming British elections, has lately been resting after the worries of the Boer war at his seat in County Kerry. Although he owns an immense estate there, there has been no residence on it for nearly two centuries, as Lixnaw, the old castle of the Fitzmaurices, had been allowed to fall entirely to ruins, and the existing unpretending mansion-house was built by the present Marquis. The vast estates originally owned by the family were also recklessly wasted and entirely alienated, and Lord Lansdowne does not own a single acre of them, with the exception of an old burial-ground.

All Lord Lansdowne's Irish property of to-day comes to him through his famous ancestor, Sir William Petty, the Surveyor-General of Ireland; and it is through his Petty kinsmen also that he owns his English estates. It has not been generally noted that Lord Lansdowne is the only territorial magnate who holds properties in all three parts of the United Kingdom. His estates in Scotland, of course, came to him from his mother, Baroness Nairne, in her own right. Like other extensive landowners, he has suffered a good deal from agricultural depreciation, but he is still one of the wealthiest of the great nobles.

Not "And," But "Or."

The discussion had drifted in the usual way to riddles and puzzles. Presently a young man offered to bet anyone in the party that he could give a simple little sentence which at first glance seemed absolutely unintelligible, but upon the addition of a comma and the emphasis of two words would at once become as clear as the blue sky. The young man then wrote the following on a piece of paper and passed it round:

"It was not and I said but or."

The idea was to punctuate this sentence, and emphasize the words in such a manner as to make it read intelligibly. A half hour was given for the task.

Everyone began to think hard, and you could almost hear the wheels going round. Loud talking ceased, and quiet reigned, while the young men worked. When the half hour was up none of them was able to write the sentence as it should be written, and many expressed doubts that it could be made intelligible at all.

The young man smiled sweetly, and with a few strokes of his pencil made the sentence look like this:

"It was not 'and,' I said, but 'or.'"

And as he took the money some of the others wondered why they could not see it before, while a few could not even see it then.

Kipling and the Curate.

A correspondent of "M.A.P." tells the following: "Some years ago, when Kipling had returned from India, I, with another Londoner and an Australian, was staying at a private hotel

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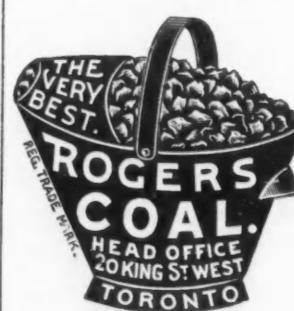


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The Drama

ABIG show, and a good show, was provided by Mr. Shea at the popular Yonge street theater this week. Reilly and Woods' company present so many captivating features that one hesitates to be specific, lest injustice be done some of the performers. One of the neatest pieces of work in its own class we have seen here in Toronto for a long time was the character sketch, *The Man from Denver*, by Junie McCree and Company. It was not uniformly good, but it was so excellent in patches that the weak spots could be forgiven. With a stronger ending it would have been even more appreciated. A tame ending spoils many a clever piece of dramatic work. Junie McCree as the "dead broke" tough of Chinatown could not have been improved on. He gave the gods tips enough on the most up-to-date colloquialisms of the street to keep the small boys about town rehearsing for a week. The Eldridges, coon comedians, Pat Reilly in charcoal cartoons, Ollie Young and Brother in hoop-rolling and juggling, Happy Fanny Fields the winsome little Dutch dancer, and Keno, Welch and Melrose, a knockabout trio, were amongst the best features of the bill. The performance concluded with a "Dance of All Nations," a very humorous and pleasing bit of work.

The Royal Box is not new to Toronto audiences, but Mr. Andrew Robson, a talented young Canadian actor who has starred in the piece since the death of Charles Coghlan, invested its presentation at the Grand the first half of this week with new interest. Mr. Robson is in no way a disappointment, and deserves all the good things that had been said of him in advance. He is indeed a finished and powerful actor, and Canadians will look forward with both curiosity and confidence to his future. Mr. Robson's support was not exceptionally strong, and an improvement in portions of his company would greatly add to the production he gives. Neither is the play as lavishly staged as could be desired. But these things, one may venture to hope, will come in time, as Mr. Robson's fame and position become more assured. The character portions of the cast were fairly well filled—notably the parts of Tippins, the constable; Davis, a dresser to Clarence; Winch, the landlord at the "Cat and Fiddle Inn"; Widgets, the acrobat, and Marmaduke and Montmorency, actors of Drury Lane. In the role of the Prince of Wales (afterwards George IV.), Charles Bertram, who is Mr. C. B. DuMoulin, formerly of Toronto, did conscientious and acceptable work. The part, in his hands, was not obtrusive, but it was graceful and natural.

Mr. Robson, on Monday night, received something of an ovation, but steadily refused to come before the curtain and make a speech. There was no reason in particular why Mr. Robson should make a speech, and the custom of calling upon every actor who makes a hit in his part to come forward and orate about nothing in particular ought to cease. The occasions when an actor can appropriately be asked to step out of his role in order to give a personal talk to the house are somewhat rare. Mr. Robson was quite right in declining to orate under the circumstances.

Though playing to good houses this week, it cannot truthfully be said that the Valentine Stock Company have added to their laurels by their presentation of *Ingomar*. In some respects the production was highly creditable—in particular to Mr. Osborne Searle, who had designed some really excellent scenery. But the playing was disappointing to those who had seen the Valentine people only in society drama and light comedy, for while they are strong in these, they fall far below expectations in the heroic and highly emotional atmosphere of such a play as *Ingomar*. Miss Meta Maynard, who came here from New York to take the role of Parthenia, is an actress of considerable personal charm, and delivered most of her lines effectively. But she allowed herself at times too little reserve, and spoiled some of the best parts of the play by a certain air of coquetry not easily reconcilable with the character of Parthenia as one likes to picture it. Mr. Jack Webster's *Ingomar* was altogether too boisterous and declamatory. The same fault might be found with Myron the Timarch, and indeed the cast generally. Mere vehemence is not strong acting, and shouting, except where shouting is necessary, can only detract from the dignity and grace of a play that ought to be chiefly marked by these very things. To tell the truth, *Ingomar* at times travelled dangerously near the line of burlesque. Miss Mary K. Taylor, as Actas, Myron's wife, was perhaps the most satisfactory performer. She seemed to understand what was required of her, and she also looked her part.

The Toronto has opened its doors to bumper houses this week. Through the Breakers is indeed a thrilling, not to say blood-curdling, business throughout, and the reputation it established with patrons of the Toronto on its visit here last season, brought out the people in flocks from the very first performance of this year's engagement. The scenery and mechanical effects were, as last year, excellent. One of the best pieces of realism was the sea outside the smugglers' cave in the third act. The play abounds in the most astonishing situations, and the villain, Peter Turner, is a most improbable moral monstrosity, but for those whose taste lies in the direction of sensational melodrama, *Through the Breakers* is an almost ideal experience.

It is remarkable that, despite the increasing number of West End theaters in London, the demand still exceeds the supply. George Grossmith's autumn season has ap-

ently been abandoned on account of the impossibility of finding a locale, and Mr. Herbert Sleath has a play he is anxious to produce and cannot for the same reason. Mrs. Langtry, the Kendals, Miss Kate Rorke, and Martin Harvey are all managers more or less in search of a theater.

E. S. Willard will play *Love in Idleness*, the new comedy by E. J. Goodman and Louis Parker, on his forthcoming American tour.

Jefferson D'Angelis started his season in *A Royal Rogue* in Baltimore this week.

P. F. Shea, of Worcester and Springfield, will change the policy of his two vaudeville houses somewhat this season. He will exchange the companies in the middle of the week, playing thus two companies each week in each town.

Richard Carvel may be set down as the most emphatic hit of the career of John Drew. The mighty crowds pressing into the Empire ever since the season opened, attest that. The grumblers who have taken oath that Mr. Drew could play nothing else than middle-aged persons in well-fitting clothes and blase moods, are regretting that they spoke. His Carvel made it plain that, given a "rapier" part, he can make it flash and dash as well as the best of them.

Manager Shea will have a distinct novelty to offer his patrons next week in the "Orpheum Show." This is the first annual tour of the vaudeville company which the great Orpheum Circuit of vaudeville theaters is sending out. The organization is composed of forty artists, said to be the cream in all branches of up-to-date vaudeville. The Newsy troupe will make its first appearance in Toronto. The company, composed of five women and three men, appear in the various court and peasant costumes of Russia. Severus Schaeffer is one of the acknowledged kings of equilibrists. He is of the famous original Viennese family of athletes, and some of his marvelous feats of handling all sorts of mundane things in mid-air have never even been



WILL M. CRESSY AND BLENCH DAYNE AT SHEA'S NEXT WEEK.

attempted by other artists. The very quintessence of quaintness appertains to Will M. Cressy, author and comedian, who is accompanied by Blanche Dayne. The couple present here for the first time their new comedy, *The Key of C.* Johnson, Davenport and Lorelle are comedy eccentrics and should open up an inexhaustible fund of humor by their athletic feats in *The Farmer and the Football Players*. Louise Dresser, one of the handsomest women on the stage, has been described by an enthusiastic admirer as "a jewel in a pickaninny setting." Her beautiful gowns, handsome stage appointments, and sweet voice, are said to make one of the most attractive acts in vaudeville. Jack Norworth, the "jail bird coon"; Bertie Fowler, mimic and eccentric comedienne; William Weston and Ella Herbert, comedy musicians, and the novelty comiograph, which complete an enticing bill.

An event of considerable local importance is the presentation of the comic opera *Said Pasha* at the Grand, Friday night Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon, this week. The performances are under the direction of Señor Raúl González, who possesses an excellent tenor voice, and who has had a wide experience in grand opera. Heading the list of local celebrities taking part are: Mrs. H. W. Parker, A.T.C.M.; Miss Minnie McNeil, Miss Helena Carr, Mr. Edgar Flavelle, Mr. Freddie La Flamme, Mr. Bruce Pearson, and Mr. H. M. Sampson. The orchestra and chorus are under the direction of Mr. Arthur Blakeley.

A new play, founded on the life of Nell Gwyn, will be at the Grand next week, under the name of *Mistress Nell*. The success that Marie Tempest and Julia Neilson are making of this theme in London need not be dilated upon. Henrietta Crossman, who plays it here, has had the field all to herself in America. Miss Crossman will, it is promised, be supported by a strong company, and the engagement will be for the entire week.

Sol Smith Russell's play, *Peaceful Valley*, will be the next offering of the Valentines, and Mr. Robert Evans, who made such a success in *A Parisian Romance*, will have the role of Hosea Howe.

Like Samson of old, Mrs. Leslie Carter has hair that is decidedly useful in her business. It is not to be despised, a gift of this sort. Her sponsor, David Belasco, places great reliance on this feature of the actress' equipment. One of her plays is to be based on the history of Madame Dubarry, and it is regarded as specially fortunate that the famous courtesan had red hair. Another sort of heroine is to be seen in a play called *The Red Mouse*. As the heroine gets her name from her personal appearance, the supposition is that the color and quality of Mrs. Carter's hair were a part of the inspiration to the production of the play. It may be well to suggest that dramatists who contemplate writing plays for Mrs. Carter should devote some attention to the color of the heroine's hair.

If an abundance of thrilling incident is the essence of melodrama, then the play which comes to the Toronto Opera House next week realizes the fullest possibilities in this form of dramatic work. It is Charles E. Blaney's Chinese-American play, *The King of the Opium Ring*, and begins with action that is calculated to enthrall those susceptible to sensational situations, and never relaxes its grip until the fall of the curtain on the last act. The story is intensely melodramatic, but such that plenty of opportunity is afforded for comedy.

LANCE.

Golf.

VARDON has come and gone, carrying away with him his usual victory, and leaving us wiser and perhaps sadder golfers. Beyond doubt, he demonstrated his ability as a player of the first order, though handicapped by the roughness of the course, which he criticized in no gentle terms. Those who stay at home don't quite realize the condition of Canadian courses as compared with those of England and the States. When we come to look matters fairly in the face, and put our last half-dozen years of experience together, we cannot but come to the conclusion that the Ganton man's sizing up was about right. His criticisms both as regards courses and players in Canada hit the nail on the head, and will doubtless do good.

It is not now so hard to explain the defeat of our players by the Statesmen over the latter's good courses.

The home-bred players cannot be surpassed at the long

Vardon.

Out.....	5	3	5	5	4	4	4	4
In.....	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3
Out.....	3	3	4	5	6	7	4	4
In.....	3	5	4	6	3	2	3	4

Brown.

Out.....	4	5	4	5	5	4	5	5
In.....	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	4
Out.....	4	5	6	5	1	6	4	
In.....	3	5	6	4	6	2	5	145

Lyon.

Out.....	3	5	4	5	6	5	3	0
In.....	4	4	5	5	3	4	3	
Out.....	4	3	4	4	7	6	5	5
In.....	4	5	5	5	3	5	4	161

Vardon's round of 72 cuts the record of the course down by one. Ritchie formerly held it at 73. Vardon's first round on Friday with Secretary Baxter stood at 73.

Mr. M. McLaughlin, the president of the Rosedale Golf Club, dined Vardon and his manager, Mr. C. S. Cox, together with Mr. V. C. Brown, Mr. G. S. Lyon, and Mr. D. W. Baxter, at the National Club on Friday evening, after which the party attended the performance at Shea's.

The attendance at the match was excellent, and, as predicted, the following was the best ever seen in Canada, the fair sex forming a goodly portion of the spectators.

HAZARD.

Notes From the Capital.

HE Governor-General and Lady Minto are making the return journey from the Klondike very leisurely, with stops-over at any place which has sufficient attractions to offer. Judging by the time they have taken to reach Regina, it will be well into October before we have the pleasure of seeing them back at Government House, Ottawa. The end of this week they are expected in Prince Albert, and after that they come down to Brandon, where they, with their staff, will be the guests of Hon. Senator and Mrs. Kirchhoffer. These journeys of His Excellency must recall to his mind a former occasion when he visited the North-West Territories, and when he did a great deal of moving from place to place, but not in such an easy-going or comfortable manner as in the present case. At Macleod the vice-regal party were the guests of Mr. Eliot Gault. Captain Harry Graham, A.D.C., is still in attendance, and Mr. Arthur Sladen, of the Governor-General's Department, has filled the position of private secretary to His Excellency during the entire journey. Captain Bell, who was A.D.C. to General Hutton, has been selected by Lord Minto to fill the vacant position on the vice-regal staff, and is at present on his way from South Africa. During his acheship to the General, Captain Bell was extremely popular, and everybody seems pleased that he is coming back. He possesses most of the qualifications generally considered necessary for the successful A.D.C. He is young—not married, nor engaged—good looking, bright in conversation, skates well and dances well—at least neither too badly—and he has a sufficiently good memory to remember names as well as faces. Mr. Mann, who has recently left the staff, had a great many good qualities, indeed as far as a casual observer of his skating and dancing could form an opinion, there was no reason why he should not have succeeded in giving satisfaction. But I believe he had a very poor memory—a sort of memory that was always getting him, or some one else, into trouble, causing what might easily be termed "contretemps." One of these "contretemps" occurred when, on a certain occasion, Lord and Lady Minto decided to give an extra skating party last winter, and ordered the A.D.C. in waiting to send out a hundred or so invitations. The cards were written, and on the afternoon appointed the vice-regal host and hostess were ready to receive their guests. The band played; the tea and coffee steamed away in the urns on the refreshment table; two or three friends who had been invited by telephone pirouetted over the smooth surface of the rink, but nobody came. By four o'clock something was known to be wrong; then the A.D.C.'s were interrogated, and it dawned upon one of them that he had forgotten to send out the cards.

Earncliffe is still undergoing the process of restoration. The painters and plumbers are not yet out of it, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harris, who had hoped to be settled there by the beginning of October, are now obliged to leave the beautiful house where they were living owing to its being taken for the winter by General O'Grady-Haly. Mrs. Hayter Reed and Miss Lowrey are in town at present. The Ottawa Ladies' Golf Club have invited the Rosedale Ladies' Golf Club to play them on the Chelsea links early in October. Meantime they are putting themselves into the best possible shape for meeting these excellent players. Handicap matches are in progress this week, and next week the club championship matches will be on. There has not been a golf tea as yet; that is, a tea to which outsiders were invited. Last week, Friday morning, was so dark and threatening that the tea arranged for that afternoon was called off. It is proposed to have one this Friday afternoon, should weather permit.

Mrs. Edward Miall and Miss Miall left on Tuesday of this week for Toronto, where they will remain until it is time to move into their comfortable apartments at the Russell for the winter. Miss Miall and her brother, Mr. Edward Miall, Jr., who is now in the C.P.R. office at Montreal, only returned to Ottawa the beginning of last July from a twelve months' visit to Europe, the winter months of which were spent in sunny Italy. They made splendid use of their time abroad, and besides doing as other tourists do, they had their bicycles with them, and were enabled to make many delightful excursions off the beaten track. One of the expeditions, of which they may well feel proud, was a cycle ride from Edinburgh to London, with stops by the way at resurrected and brought-up-to-date coaching inns. There is no better way to study a country than to bicycle through it—and in England the beautifully-kept roads make this pleasant as well as possible. An Ottawa man who did some cycling in England last summer has just returned, Mr. Leslie Macoun, who was a passenger in the Parisian last week. Mr. Macoun, in company with Mr. Howard Buck, formerly of Ottawa, but now residing in London, and Mr. Harry Evans, devoted several weeks to bicycle touring in Devonshire and Cornwall. Mrs. H. P. Wright, widow of the popular Dr. Wright, was also a passenger in the Parisian, having returned from a summer spent in the Highlands.

AMARYLLIS.

The new Duke of Argyll declared the other day that he could not distinguish between *Pop Goes the Weasel* and *God Save the Queen*.





The Mysterious Fate of the Steamer "Waubuno."

THE story of the wreck of the steamer "Waubuno" has about it an air of mystery uncommon to such occurrences on the Great Lakes, and savors somewhat of a tale from the deep sea, when all that is ever known is that some vessel left port, was reported overdue, failed to reach her destination, and some pieces of floating wreckage, and, perchance, a battered lifeboat or two are alone left to explain the tale of disaster. Not quite so vague and uncertain was the fate of the "Waubuno," but very like it. Time has brought to light many things not known at the time of the wreck, but little light has been thrown on the mystery itself. Although the wreck must have occurred within less than a mile of land, not one single person, either passenger or sailor, was saved, and not a body was ever recovered. Months after the wreck, the battered hull was found, floating bottom up, in a snug bay far in among the islands; and years afterward, fishermen dragged up from the bottom of the bay some articles which were recognized as belonging to the "Waubuno," and which must have sunk where the ill-fated steamer was lost.

The "Waubuno" was built in 1865. She was a side-wheeler of about a hundred and fifty feet in length and forty feet beam. In her early days the steamer made trips to or from any port where freight was to be picked up, sometimes going up to Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, where a Hudson Bay post was the only sign of civilization, then to some lumber depot on the almost unknown north shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, calling periodically at Parry Sound, where the late Wm. Beatty, one of the steamer's owners, was trying to carve a model temperance settlement out of the forest.

At the time just before the wreck, the "Waubuno" had become somewhat weakened by age, and her machinery was insufficient to enable her to successfully face the gale. Her earnings had helped build a number of larger and better boats, so the old boat was relegated to the Parry Sound and Collingwood route, exclusively, the trade of which was growing into large proportions. On this route the exposed portion was the twenty-eight mile run between Hope Island and Lone Rock, and a considerable part of that even could be avoided by heading for Moose Point and running into the sound by way of the south channel. As the captain could easily choose his weather and lie to behind the islands when the sea was too rough for safety or the comfort of his passengers, nobody dreamed of the possibility of a wreck on that short run, unless it was some inexperienced land-lubber. A rival company, however, had put on the same route a new and much faster steamer, which was dodging in and out the east and north shore ports ahead of the "Waubuno," picking up passengers and freight in a manner exasperating to both crew and owners. It is possible that a desire to mend this state of affairs led to the "Waubuno's" wreck, as otherwise her captain would probably have tied up to an island in safety and waited for the gale to blow over. It is more than hinted that Captain Burkett was more than once or twice taunted with allowing the new steamer to outsail and outweather him, and it is said, too, that he would not be out-sailed.

A PREMONITION OF EVIL.

Saturday, November 22nd, 1879, was a wild and winter-like day. The wind blew a gale, and snow squalls were frequent. All the previous day it had been blowing great guns, and the "Waubuno" lay at the dock at Collingwood with one of the biggest loads of freight of the season, and a number of passengers, with her crew of fourteen, waiting for the gale to moderate sufficiently to enable her to start for Parry Sound. Among the passengers were Mr. B. Noel Fisher, the then publisher and proprietor of the "North Star" of Parry Sound, a Dr. Doupe and his bride of three weeks, from Mitchell, Ont., on their way to Mc-Kellar village, where the doctor intended to practise his profession. There were also a Mr. Sylvester and wife, a man named Griffith, of Gananoque, and three or four other men whose names are unknown. Several Parry Sound people and others narrowly escaped being victims by being left behind, and a few who went to sleep at an hotel instead of staying on board, lived to rejoice in their escape. In connection with the sad loss of Dr. Doupe and his bride, it is said that Mrs. Doupe had a great dread of the water, and the night before the "Waubuno" sailed she had a dream in which she saw the steamer wrecked and herself, her husband and fellow passengers in the water fighting for their lives. In the morning she told her husband of her dream, and, with tears, besought him not to venture out on the boat, but the doctor made light of her dream and her fears, attributed both to nervousness, said their furniture and effects were on the boat, their tickets paid for, and that it would cost a large sum to go around by Gravenhurst and the road, and so, much against her will, she gave way to his arguments and consented to remain on the boat. This incident is no fancy sketch, but is vouchered for by many responsible people to whom Mrs. Doupe told her dream the day before the "Waubuno" sailed her last trip.

During Friday night, November 21st, the wind lulled somewhat, and Captain Burkett, saying the worst of the storm was over, pulled out of Collingwood harbor at 4 a.m. Saturday, without waiting for the passengers who had gone to the hotel for the night. The only person who saw the "Waubuno" afloat after she left Collingwood was Hoar, the Christian Island lighthouse keeper, who saw her as she passed his light, bound north, apparently all right. About noon the same day some lumbermen working in the vicinity of Moon River heard a whistle which they recognized as the "Waubuno's," sounding as if in distress, but little attention was paid to it at the time, as they thought she was signalling some person on one of the islands. From the direction of the sound of the whistle, these men afterward came to the conclusion that Captain Burkett had tried to reach Parry Sound by way of Lone Rock, but, unable to find the rock in the blinding snowstorm, had turned the boat around and tried to get into the calm waters of the south channel by way of the Haystack Rocks.

SHE NEVER REACHED PORT.

At about 10 a.m. of the fateful Saturday, the opposition steamer "Magnettawan," owned by the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., also pulled out of Collingwood for Parry Sound, but Captain J. O'Donnell, the master, finding the weather too thick and the sea still running high, decided to remain under shelter of Christian Island until the weather cleared. Reaching Parry Sound at noon on Monday (24th), the crew of the "Magnettawan" were surprised that the "Waubuno" had not arrived, and that nothing had been seen or heard of her. It was supposed the steamer, unable to find Lone Rock, had run into the south channel, where she was possibly stuck in shallow water, as she was heavy laden and the water low.

In order to render assistance if needed, the Parry Sound Lumber Company's tug "Mittie Grew" was sent down the south channel in search of the missing steamer. Captain Burritt, the master of the tug, and his crew made a hasty examination of the south channel, and picked up a lifeboat of the "Waubuno," some pieces of wreckage, as well as cases of freight, and also saw a piece of the steamer's paddle-box, with the letters "Waub" painted on it. They remained until dark in the vicinity, running by the adjacent islands, sounding their whistle, and doing all in their power to attract the attention of any of the passengers or crew who might have made their escape to the shore; but all was in vain. Returning to Parry Sound for orders and assistance, the next morning the tug was again sent to the scene of the wreck, with a scow, a sailboat, and a number

of volunteers, chief among whom were Messrs. A. Starkey, now of Wrenbury Hall, Cheshire, and the late Thos. R. Caton. From the heavy wreckage which had come ashore on a small rocky island near the Haystacks, it was evident the vessel had come to grief somewhere off the south entrance, near Moose Point. Every island for several miles north and south was strewn with wreckage of the lost boat; apples strewed the shores of the islands as from orchards after a fall gale. Bags of flour, bales and boxes of dry goods, chests of tea, bundles of paper, and various kinds of freight, as well as some of the steamer's furniture, were picked up and taken care of. Indians and half-breeds and other fresh water pirates swarmed around the islands like vultures on the field of battle, fighting among themselves for the plunder cast ashore, and from the cases broken open they abstracted enough dry goods and ready-made clothing to fit them out for a long time. A good deal of stuff was rescued by the crew of the tug and the volunteer helpers, which was brought into Parry Sound and turned over to the proper owners, but no trace of the passengers and crew of the lost ship could be found.

Mr. Starkey and a number of friends remained on the scene with his schooner yacht "Ida," and continued the search as long as there was any chance of any one surviving on an island, but their search was vain, and they sadly returned home, convinced that not a soul had escaped. Until winter set in, search for bodies was kept up unsuccessfully.

THE UP TURNED HULL.

All through the winter, stories of the finding of the wrecked steamer's hull were in circulation in and around Parry Sound, but it was not until the latter part of March that anything like authentic information was received. Then Mr. Ireland, who had purchased the "North Star," found an Indian named Pedonquon who averred that he had found the hull, bottom up, in a little bay behind Moose Point, some three or four miles south-east of the Haystacks. A party was at once organized by Mr. Starkey and the editor, the Indian Pedonquon was hired, and the party drove down the south channel on the ice on March 30th, 1880, finding the Indian's story to be strictly true. Thus four months after the wreck, the hull of the lost vessel was found, but how she had drifted into the haven in which she was found, whether she had capsized in the open water, been stripped of her upper works, or had struck a shoal



THE STEAMER WAUBUNO.

and then rolled over, there was no means of determining, and there never will be "till the sea gives up its dead."

As soon as navigation opened, Messrs. Starkey and Ireland and John Rowland, of the Globe Hotel, Collingwood, whose son John was purser of the lost steamer, went down to the scene of the wreck in the yacht "Ida" and spent a considerable time in searching the islands for bodies, but beyond finding more wreckage and freight, nothing was discovered. Later a hole was cut in the bottom of the hull and a further search for bodies made, but only freight, wood and wreckage were found, but evidence was not wanting that the vessel had overturned before the upper works broke up. Still later, the owners of the vessel turned the hull right side up in the hope of finding the bodies of the firemen, but nothing was discovered. All summer, search for bodies was continued at intervals, but although the islands were thoroughly examined for miles from the wrecked hull, no trace of the lost ones was ever found. There had been on the steamer when wrecked a team of horses, one or two cows, and two or three dogs, but none of these ever went ashore or were found. Every life preserver of the steamer was picked up, none having been used, showing that the wreck occurred suddenly and without warning, otherwise some of the unfortunate would doubtless have put on life preservers and taken to the life-boats.

There was no sign on the bottom of the hull that it had struck the rocks, but that it had capsized seemed borne out by the fact of the "Sampson post" being driven through the bottom of the hull.

THE MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED.

A discovery was made by Mr. Starkey which pointed to the wreck having occurred on Haystack Reefs, he having found iron rods and parts of the machinery in sixteen feet of water. Not having any means of lifting this stuff, Mr. Starkey abandoned the search on the reefs. Two years ago Mr. Archie Campbell, a fisherman, while fishing up some of his nets on Haystack Reefs, brought to the surface one of the lost steamer's handtrucks, some chains and other articles, thus verifying Mr. Starkey's discovery, but leaving the manner of the wreck as great a mystery as at first. Nothing but the vaguest conjecture can ever be made as to what led to the wreck on that awful day, and how the passengers of the lost boat met their fate. Not a particle of the main deck of the "Waubuno" has ever been found, which leads to the assumption that it was carried to the bottom by the weight of iron and other heavy freight in the vessel's hold, and some firmly believe that the vessel upset, the machinery and heavy freight carrying the main deck down, and with it the helpless victims.

Mrs. Fisher, widow of the lost editor of the "North Star," sued the owners of the steamer for heavy damages, but two special juries were unable to agree as to the cause of the wreck, and the suit, as well as a number of others, had to be dropped. A mass of evidence was adduced as to the condition of the steamer, but of such a contradictory character as to puzzle both judge and juries.

The wreck caused the loss of twenty-four lives and upwards of \$10,000 worth of freight, which composed the cargo of the vessel, very little of which was recovered, and that in a damaged condition. To this day the hull of the wrecked "Waubuno" lies in that snug bay near Moose Point where it drifted so mysteriously on that day in November, 1879, and at low water parts of it protrude above the surface and are viewed by many a curious hunter after strange sights.

Other wrecks there have been, but about none hangs the veil of mystery as it does about the hull of the old "Waubuno."

W. L.

Mark Twain's Boyhood.

SOME of the boys who went to school with Mark Twain are dead; but in the hills of north-east Missouri one may yet come across white-bearded, pleasant-mannered old fellows who played the pranks and knew the hairbreadth 'scapes of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Thousands upon thousands of boys will be happy to know that nearly all of the atmosphere that surrounded Huck and Tom is just as it was fifty years ago, when the boys ranged the hills, the river, the islands and the Cave. Scores of other "Hucks" and "Toms" have come and gone, and many



Sleepy Sam—Sh—ah—sh—. Don't move! Weary, they're takin' us for the babes in the woods.—Life.

others are doing pretty much the same thing, right now, than the originals did.

If you were to go to Hannibal to-day and make inquiry for some of the "boys" who went to school with Sam Clemens, you would, says the "Saturday Evening Post," probably be directed to Ed Pierce and Charley Curtis, now old grey-beards. When Ed Pierce, Sam Clemens, Bill Nash and Ruel Gridley were boys together there was a mill near which the youngsters loved to gather. This mill was in the center of a narrow valley, and at the top of the long, steep inclines that ran away from it were great stones, tossed there in bygone ages by the wondrous hand of Nature.

"Sam Clemens and the others of us used to tear those stones loose," said Ed Pierce on a recent Sunday, "sometimes working days and nights together to get a particularly big one free. Then we'd start her down the hill. One time we cut loose a whaler, and, when we saw the course it was taking, we began to shiver in our boots. It would hit the mill. Once the stone struck a flat place on the slope and we held our breathing in the hope that it would stop. We grabbed each other by the shirt-sleeves and strained our eyes as the great rock paused, wobbled, struck a smaller rock, and then, with a whirl to one side, set off to the bottom with a speed that would have filled our hearts with joy if the mill had not been there. 'Mebbe she'll hit something an' turn out,' Sam suggested.

"Sure enough, at that instant the rolling stone struck a small boulder and shot twenty feet down a side course, but our relief was of short life, for there was yet another boulder in just the right position to restore the course of our big one. While we were watching, the head mill appeared at one of the doors. He grasped the situation in an instant, and calling his helpers out he and the others ran for their lives. Sam and I waited for the stone to strike. It went through the wall and landed far inside the mill. Then we got away. Many times we sent rocks down that hill. As I look back at it, I wonder that we didn't kill some one."

Not many years ago—less than fifteen, perhaps—Mr. Clemens went to Hannibal for the purpose of spending a short time amid the scenes of his boyhood. In the course of his visit he was much in the company of his life-long friend, Colonel Ro Bards, who was one of the pillars of the community. With Colonel Ro Bards he made a tour of the churches one bright Sunday morning, taking particular interest in the children. At the place of his first visit the host told the Sunday school superintendent that the distinguished visitor would be glad to address the little folks. Mr. Clemens at once grew reminiscent. He was glad to be home again, back among the hills of his early youth, where he knew every rock and gully. It was good to be in the old home Sunday school again. Here Colonel Ro Bards and the superintendent exchanged glances of doubt.

"Yes," continued the speaker, "and you must know how it delights me to be in this Sunday school where every bench is to me as an old friend. I sat right over there where the stove used to be—right in that seat where the little girl with the red dress is now. Ah, how it all comes back to me!"

Then Colonel Ro Bards pulled at the famous man's coat-tails and indicated that it was time to hurry on. At the next Sunday school Mr. Clemens was soon on his feet.

"My dear friends," he said, "I'm so happy to be here again, close to scenes I once knew so well, for right there within twenty feet of where I stand, is the seat in which I used to sit with Charley Curtis" (or some one equally well known). "How well I remember it all!"

Colonel Ro Bards blushed for his guest and begged a pressure of time as an excuse for leaving. When the two were safely out of the church, Colonel Ro Bards turned on him.

"See here, Sam," he said, "you never went to Sunday school in that church. It wasn't there when you lived in Hannibal, or the other one, either, for that matter."

"Goodness me! Can that be so?" Mr. Clemens exclaimed. "How time does fly!"

Some Indexes to Character.



"I JUST adore having my character told," sighed Sally Esther as she shut the oven door softly on the plump loaves of white bread, "but people don't seem to satisfy my curiosity about myself. I know the absurdity of even writing your own character in your diary—you laugh at it in a week—but if other people tell it, you can laugh all the time, and yet be interested."

As usual, Sally Esther was talking to herself, and, as usual, she raised her voice unexpectedly, and the city cousin came bouncing into the kitchen, devoured with curiosity.

"Tell your character by your hand or your face—what was it?" she asked.

"Do you know any of the rules?" enquired Sally Esther, as she shook some raisins around in the flour sieve.

"Let me see. They say—let's begin with the nose—wide nostrils show a spendthrift, and pinched looking noses show meanness. Then they say that a long, pointed nose indicates vulgarity, and a short nose refinement. I hate a nose that projects further than its length downwards, don't you? The kind that only projects at the tip. An aquiline bend—you know, the rounding nose that reminds you of a bird, that shows firmness of will and justice and lack of great impulsiveness. If the bridge is very thin on an aquiline nose, it shows fastidiousness and self-sufficiency and tenderness. Then a nose with a hump up near the eyes goes with all the active qualities—combativeness, eagerness, passionate temper, hatred, jealousy, ambition. Haven't you noticed how people with humped noses bully people? But, of course, if a nose is awfully bumpy, you hate it. I abhor a big, fat, lumpy Roman nose, and I never like the people who have one. A very broad bridge to the nose shows—dear me, what does it show?" said the city cousin, looking at Sally Esther's nose, at a loss for once.

"I don't know, but somebody once said it meant benevolence," said Sally Esther.

"That was well said, because you are good-natured," said the city cousin.

"Sometimes, but I have an awful temper, and there is a slight hump on my nose, but it is good and high up, I am thankful to say. I disapprove of a hump right in the middle of a nose; it doesn't look pretty, and besides lots of people with that kind of a nose get in jail for bigamy, or breach of promise. Do you like Greek noses?" asked

Sally, as she slid the loaves out of the oven into her lap and carried them to the pantry.

"Oh, those classic nosed people are often fascinating, but they seem awfully lazy and moony. They play some outlandish instrument, and paint on china or write poetry, usually, and they wear lovely clothes and walk very gracefully, and smile like the last rose of summer, and stand around admiring themselves and everything that costs a lot. They flirt outrageously, and are as heartless about throwing people over as they can be. They seem to lack humanity, you know—even cruel people with Roman noses have a certain sensibility and insight and sympathy, but the straight-nosed people are neither cruel nor humane. They don't know enough to be either. They are not greedy, but they take everything you give them, and say 'thank you' politely enough, but you just feel in your bones that they don't appreciate what you do for them, and that your sacrifices never thrill them at all. But as long as you don't want any special appreciation or sympathy, or if you want somebody to waste affection on, I would recommend the people with straight, Grecian noses." The city cousin's eyes snapped.

"What about people with little noses? I know so many people with little, indistinct noses, who are very amiable and nice and good," said Sally Esther, as she scrubbed the bread-board.

"Yes, a small nose, especially if it is sort of knobby and doesn't turn up, goes with a very lovable nature sometimes. It is generally blonde people who have little noses, though, don't you think? But, somehow, they fall in love. Either they never get rich, or else they never get married, or they never fulfill their early promises of greatness. They peter out. If they happen to be dark people with these little noses, they generally develop a few bad qualities and succeed fairly well, but they even then make a lot of mistakes. They don't seem to be able to hoodoo people enough."

"But I like turned-up noses," said the city cousin, as she put on an apron and made a bluff at peeling potatoes, "they are so unexpected. But I like them with what you call 'temperament' and dark eyes. The blonde ones are mulish. But the dark ones are delightful. If they have blue eyes and are dark otherwise, they seem to generally be versatile—and very sensible, and wise, and capricious, and idealistic—the queerest combinations of fun and wistfulness. But they never bother you. The dark ones attract sweethearts and generally have dozens of enemies, and they sing or recite indescribably, and you cry and laugh at their bidding. The girl snubs are the ones I know most about. Their voices bewitch you, and their eyes talk, and they are audacious and flirtatious, and fickle and demonstrative and capable, and thorough housekeepers, and adorable nurses, and daring and obstinate, and generally homely, but you never notice. They never get the blues, and they sometimes talk a lot about themselves and carry a lot of sail, but they always laugh at their own pretenses when you have seen through them, and they put on more just to show you they dare. But then a nose is not everything. I know lots more kinds of noses that are half turned up—but they are pinched somehow, and they are so repulsive, and the big fat red turned down humped noses that you just know belong to rubber necks and sneaks and brutes—ugh! there are no ends of kinds. Sometimes people seem to have too big a nose for the size of their head, and the head teeters backwards and forwards and the mouth won't stay closed—those people always have to work hard to get anything accomplished. They don't seem to have any electric generator inside of them, and they dare not be idle for fear their mental machinery will get out of order. They are usually very nervous and thin and undecided. Undecided because they can't be

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Anecdotal.

One day, before the late Lord Russell was elevated to the bench, he was sitting in court, when another barrister, leaning across the benches during the hearing of a trial for bigamy, whispered: "Russell, what's the extreme penalty for bigamy?" "Two mothers-in-law," instantly replied Russell.

W. S. Gilbert, meeting the editor of "Punch" one day, remarked as he was leaving him: "By the by, Burnand, I suppose a great number of funny stories are sent into your office?" "Oh, yes," said Mr. Burnand, "thousands." "Then, my dear fellow, why don't you publish them?" replied Mr. Gilbert, as he put out his hand to say good-bye.

In the course of the terrible march of the Irish Fusiliers from Dundee to Ladysmith the men were much fatigued, owing to the rough journey. One man in particular stumbled along as if walking in his sleep. An officer passed. "Sir," said Michael, "what country is this we're marching over?" "The Natal tableland, my man," was the reply. "Bedad, sir," said Michael, "I think the table's turned upside down, and we're walking over the legs of it!"

J. M. Barrie's story of how a telegraph editor, receiving a despatch that the Zulus had "taken umbrage," headed the news "Capture of Umbrage by the Zulus," has been paralleled by an editor in the West. Shortly after the anti-Semitic riots in Austria, a slight shock of earthquake was felt in the vicinity of Vienna, and a cable despatch put it tersely that there had been "seismic disturbances" near the capital. He headed the item, "Down With the Jews!"

Among all the horrors of war humorous situations often occur. An English army surgeon in South Africa tells an amusing story of an Englishwoman of high rank who was engrossed by the charms of amateur nursing. One morning, on approaching the cot of a soldier to whom she had given special attention, she found him with his eyes tightly closed and a piece of paper pinned on the sheet, on which was written: "To hell to be nussed to-day. Re-spectfully, J. L."

The late John J. Ingalls was employed by certain flash newspapers to write accounts of all sorts of events and sign his name to them. In the course of his contact with the sporting fraternity the ex-senator made the acquaintance of John L. Sullivan, and

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one day, after examining the pugilist's muscles and beating a tattoo on his chest, he asked: "Sullivan, why don't you enter the ring again and try to win the championship from Corbett?" "For the same reason," answered Sullivan, "that you didn't enter the race for senator; I consider one knockout enough."

De Wet has got to the penny puzzle stage of popularity in England. He extracted a nimble penny from one of the most cautious of the correspondents of the London "Chronicle," who writes: "Yesterday, in the city, I purchased for the conventional penny a 'puzzle' card from an itinerant vendor. On it was an outline of the territory lately ruled by Mr. Kruger, with the wording: 'This is the Transvaal; find De Wet.' I turned the card about, but could discover no outline suggestive of the eel-like Boer general. Then I applied to the vendor for information. With a grin he answered, 'You can't find De Wet, guv'nor? 'E ain't there; 'e's sloped, as per usual. Now, ain't the sell worth a bloomin' penny?'"

The story of the cyclist who found over the door of a Cheshire church the cheerful text, "This is the gate of Heaven," with the modifying postscript, "This door is closed in the winter months," recalled to the "Tablet" another incongruity of a rather similar kind. Cardinal Manning went one day to his publishers for a copy of a book of his own—"Confidence in God." The order was shouted down to the stockroom, whence came the reply, "Manning's 'Confidence in God' all gone." The Cardinal heard and smiled. It happened that he was just then in a very pessimistic mood, owing to the apathy, as he thought it, of his clergy about an agitation of Mr. Stead's with which he sympathized and they did not. The Cardinal took the reply as an intended lesson, and he left Orchard street a wiser and a happier man.

Two Little Mothers' Ways.

Whistling Rufus. Rural Fame.
THE little mothers were getting their children ready for the small and early party which is the babies' first taste of society. One of the little mothers has a brow with lines on it and a mouth a trifle drawn. "Now, remember, Gwendolyn," said she, in a tone of solemn finality, "that you will be like a little lady, and don't forget to say good-bye to Gladys and her mamma, and don't eat too much ice cream, nor let a speck on your new silk slip. If you do—remember! Now, hurry along; you are late, anyway." Gwen gave her shoulders a shrug and ran off. "Gwendolyn!" shrieked her mamma, "don't race. Walk quietly; you'll be so warm and disagreeable if you race." Poor Gwen! The other little mother tied her small girl's sash deliberately and smoothed her curls. "You darling!" she said, taking the little freckled face in her soft hands and looking into the merry eyes. "Go and have just the best fun! I wish I were your little sister, so I could go too," and little freckle-face danced off, turning many times between the door and the corner to where "Muzzle" was watching her catch the car. Muzzle is a dimpled dumpling of a little woman, who never worries herself or her girl about dress or deportment, but at the party it was little freckle-face who led the games, and picked up Toddlers when he fell, and threw her arms round the knees of her gratified hostess as she said good-bye, whispering, warmly: "You do have the loveliest parties for us!"

It is sometimes difficult to draw the line in our tutoring, and know when "nuff sed" has been reached. To burden the hearts of children with warnings and threats and admonitions is often to make them either reckless or sulky and ill at ease. To train the little ones so skilfully that their tastes will naturally gravitate to the desirable and the refined isn't always possible. I can recall my own passionate devotion. In spite of all the powers that were, to a small girl who had nothing to recommend her but a pair of very rosy cheeks and wide blue eyes, I sneaked away to sit with her under shady bushes and talk about all sorts of things. At last she became confident to an extent which overstrained my interest, and I don't remember ever speaking to her again. At the mature age of five I had apparently some limits and an unconscious standard. Somehow, I think we don't realize how easily little minds can be presented with the great thoughts and truths which are all we can attain to if we live ever so long. Little pitchers have sometimes great intelligence, as well as very long ears.

It was Sunday evening, a gentle, damp wind was just moving the curtains in the sky parlor. The Israelites who filled the air with strained minor intonations had gone out, and the Italians whose soft chatter comes up fifty feet and is mellowed yet more in transit had gone in. Suddenly a bird began to sing. I heard it like a dream echo; then louder, those long swirls of melody one gets when a dicky-bird in a cage tries to interrupt family prayers; then soft, low, gurgling notes, the joy of the proud lover over his little greenery-yallery hen; then quick, saucy, impudent and impatient cheeps of a bird who was out on business and had no time for crescendos and rallentando, or any graces of shading whatever; then whispering trills, sweeter than any sugar candy; then a burst of wild vocal gymnastics, up, down, across the harps of heaven the birdnotes rang! I dropped my novel and leaned out into the dusk, wondering when an aviary had moved into the flat-building. The boy also listened, but without enthusiasm. "You should hear him do the dog that gets run over. You should hear him tell about the boy out late. Did you hear him killing the rat on Yonge street?" I gazed at the boy, wondering whether the evening tea had gone to his head. The boy laughed. "It's the man with the ten-cent whistles, don't you know, ten! They are playing for him now ten! They are playing for him now on the mouth-organ. He's whistling to

it," said the boy, with more interest. Wasn't it a come-down?

The question about the advisability of girls leaving the country to come to the city is following the discussion about the young men who won't stay on the farm. Girls seem to be afraid of burial alive if they stay on the farm, and of being worked to death. I know quite a number of well-to-do farmers' daughters who are discontented since they left school, and who, though they haven't to get up at any unusual hour, nor do any tremendous amount of work, tell me that they will never have a chance if they stay in the country. "I want to make a name," says a girl to me, writing from a country farmhouse. "No one ever did that by being buried alive as I am. Just listen a moment to this sentence, which I have read to-day in Elbert Hubbard's delightful 'Little Journeys to the homes of famous women': 'George Eliot, Elizabeth Barrett, Charlotte Bronte, and Jane Austen were all country girls, with little companionage, nourished on picked-up classics, having a healthy ignorance of what the world was saying and doing.' 'Genius,' says Mr. Hubbard, 'is essentially rural, a country product.' Of course, if you want more fame than the four women above named achieved, the country may be a hindrance to you; I should, personally, be content with much less.

LADY GAY.



"Dr. Miguel has discovered that germs live to advanced age," Weekly Paper. A couple of "Old-Ums" seen through Mr. Punch's microscope.

Slow Starvation.

The Condition of Those Afflicted With Indigestion.

Flatulence, Sick Headache, Offensive Breath and Eructations, Irritability, and a Feeling of Weight on the Stomach are Among the Symptoms.

Dyspepsia, or indigestion, as it is also frequently called, is one of the most serious ailments that afflicts mankind. When the stomach loses its craving for food, and the power to digest it, the person so afflicted is both mentally and physically in a condition of wretchedness. The symptoms of the disorder are manifold, and among them may be noted a feeling of weight in the region of the stomach, sick headache, offensive breath, heartburn, a disagreeable taste in the mouth, irritability of temper, disturbed sleep, etc. The condition is, in fact, one of slow starvation of the blood, nerves and body, and on the first symptoms treatment through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be sought. Mr. William Birt, a well-known blacksmith at Pisgah, P.E.I., is one who suffered for years, and relates his experience for the benefit of similar sufferers. 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TORONTO SATURDAY NIGHT.

About Nick-Names.

(Ella H. Dixon in "Ladies' Field.") ONE of the most remarkable social phenomena of the present decade in England is the growing practice, even among sober-minded Britons, of calling friends not only by their Christian names, but by queer and familiar nick-names. This change in our manners is indeed passably surprising. We can all remember, not so long ago, when it would have been considered highly indecorous for a British matron to address her masculine friends by the familiar appellation of Tom, Dick and Harry. Yet, nowadays, who but the prudish and precise call their intimates by anything but their first names? In Mr. Henry Arthur Jones' essentially modern comedy, "The Liars," there is no person introduced into the action who is not addressed by men and women alike in this free and easy manner. All are in the pleasing position of being Jess, Freddy, Gilbert, Rosamund and Chris to each other. All, that is to say, except the soldier-lover and the vacillating heroine. With a nice discrimination, an almost feminine observation, the dramatist has made the two young people, who are on the verge of an elopement, address each other with the utmost ceremony by their aristocratic and military titles.

As to nick-names, London society nowadays seems chiefly recruited by people with the most fantastic monikers. It has been said that no man is beloved until he earns a universal nick-name for himself among his contemporaries. Of course, in the case of a boy, these strange appellations often originate at a public school or a university, and stick to the man until he is tottering on the verge of the grave, so that you shall find stout, bald-headed citizen called "Bunny" by all and sundry, or an eminent fellow of the Royal Society rejoicing—or not—in the appellation of "Squatty." Some people's nick-names, indeed, are so universally used that you never suspect them of having any other. I remember waking one morning not long ago to find, by an announcement in the first column of the "Times," that an estimable gentleman whom I had long known as "Peter" had really been christened, some forty years ago (by a deacon, a brace of god-fathers and a god-mother) with the more aristocratic if less cheerful cognomen of Montmorency. These announcements of nick-names in brackets, one may notice, are usually confined to the marriage column. The proud father, or the deceased relation, is rarely advertised as having answered to the humorous names of "Snorty" or "Pug."

How often in the year do we not all read some such announcement as this among the marriages? "On the 10th inst., at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, by the Very Rev. Dean of Melchester, assisted by the Rev. Charles Honeydew, M.A., incumbent of St. Barnabas, Mayfair, and the Rev. Reginald Timmins, perpetual curate of Slowcome-in-the-Marsh, Algernon Sydney Blake ('Piggy'), eldest son of John E. Timmins, Esq., M.P., of 500 Prince's Gate, S.W., to Maud Theresa Valenta ('Teasy'), fifth daughter of General Sir George Blunderer, K.C.B., of The View, Southsea, Hants." Such announcements, to be sure, leave one thoughtful. Will Piggy and Teasy continue the pleasing habit of calling each other by these quaint appellations as they tread the thorny path of matrimony together? Or will the advent of a family, with all its responsibilities, put an end to any such amiable badinage? I am inclined to think so. If you look around, it is nearly always the popular bachelor—even though he may have reached the respectable age of three score and ten—who is called by some familiar diminutive by his contemporaries, while the gay modern spinster of forty is far more likely to retain some pleasant nick-name than the mother of many sons and daughters.

Up to lately the practice of using the first name was confined, in England, to a very small circle of the aristocracy. In Austria it has long been otherwise. "Society" in Vienna is composed of men and women who call each other Franz and Lotta, Wanda and Johann, as well as the most quaint conceits in the way of nick-names. Prosper Merimee, who often went to Austrian watering-places, used to complain, in the 'fifties and 'sixties, of the tiresome "genuin ichkeit" of the Germans. Perhaps it was this very habit of familiar address which shocked his Parisian sense. For the French, curiously enough, are never familiar as we are with our friends, and even with our acquaintances. It may be roughly said that they are never really intimate except with blood relations. The family tie is very strong in France.

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Kitty—Why, sister said she cut you at the dinner last night!—Punch.

The old-fashioned "American" matron may here and there be heard speaking of her husband as "Mr. Lapham," but this type is becoming, in New York, exceedingly rare. Married couples of mature standing address their elderly married friends by the name which their godfathers bestowed upon them. In England I find this practice confined chiefly to the younger and more skittish generation. On the whole, it is an amiable practice, but it has one serious drawback. Those who thoughtlessly adopt this familiar habit towards new and untried acquaintances are sometimes in a parlous state before the year is out. They may have quarreled with the very people they have so hurriedly become intimate with, or have found out that they are quite undesirable persons, so that they find themselves in the awkward position of having to cut in the street the "Bunny" or the "Squatty" of a few short weeks ago.

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Books and Their Makers.

THE new book on Elementary English Composition by Frederick H. Sykes, M.A., Ph.D., is evidently intended to be a handbook for teachers, rather than a text-book for pupils. In the former capacity it is certain to be found a very useful and timely little volume. The seventy-eight "lessons" it contains are admirably arranged and graded. Any child with an aptitude for expression in written language should, with careful drilling in the exercises Dr. Sykes provides, become something of an adept in the handling of clear, concise English. That we take it, is the aim of English composition as taught in the schools, for the subtle quality we call "style" can scarcely be imparted by any amount of analytical theorizing or mechanical drilling. The schools should set before them the object of teaching children how to state facts logically, concisely and clearly in the language which they will be required to use in the everyday business of life. This object can be attained. The cultivation of style must be left to the exceedingly small proportion of people who are competing in one way or another for literary effectiveness. In drilling children in the use of words and sentences as instruments of utility Dr. Sykes' book, which has been brought out by the Copp, Clark Company (Limited), will doubtless be a welcome auxiliary to all painstaking teachers.

Sophia, a romance of the first half of the last century, by Stanley J. Weyman, is a capital tale of a wilful beauty who, under the guardianship of her married sister, makes ducks and drakes of her debut in the rather fast and furious London of the day. A quiet lover whom she detests, a rake who seeks her fortune, a man of a girl, Lady Betty, whom one loves for her very naughtiness, and dozens of the incongruous characters one might expect from the crude and lawless period, fill through the pages of this very good story. Unheard of adventures, a marriage with the despised quiet lover, more adventures including a mobbing by her husband's tenantry, the final discrediting of Lady Betty by her good, kindly lover, Tom, and the happy result of all poor Sophia's tragic experiences in the uniting of herself and her husband in mutual love and understanding, is, on the whole, one of the best histories of the weal and woe which one fair woman can encompass which has been published for some time. The flavor of this novel is very good style.

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"Perhaps."

"Is it true you said that absurd thing about your personal likeness to Shakespeare and Christ?"

"No."

"Miss Corelli has spoken with her customary freedom about you. Have you nothing to say about her?"

"Nothing."

"Is it the fact that she has written these things about you before?"

"Yes."

"And you have never contradicted them?"

"I never contradict anything if I can help it."

According to the "Critic," the writer of those two anonymous books, Elizabeth and Her German Garden and A Solitary Summer, which created more or less of a stir in the reading world, are the work of Princess Henry of Pless, who is the sister of George Cornwall West, the youthful husband of Lady Randolph Churchill. As the Princess of Pless is now twenty-seven years of age and the books made their appearance several years ago, attention is discreetly directed toward the youthful precocity of the titled authoress.

An English translation of Dr. Jose Rizal's novel, *Noli me Tangere*, is about to appear under the title *The Eagle's Flight*. Dr. Rizal was a native Filipino, a scholar, a novelist and a poet. He was a student of sociology and the fact that while pursuing his studies in Europe he lived amongst the common people has led to his being called a "Filipino Tolstoy." After the outbreak of the Filipino rebellion he was arrested in Manila on a charge of inciting the populace against Spanish authority. He was condemned and shot on the last day of December, 1896, his own countrymen, under an armed guard of Spanish soldiery, being obliged to act as executioners. One hour before his death Rizal was married. His wife was put in command of a company of the insurgents under Aguinaldo, and is reported to have

been killed in an engagement with United States troops.

Something novel and unique in children's literature is Mr. Bunny, His Book, by Adah L. Sutton, published by the Saalfield Company, Akron, Ohio, illustrations by W. H. Fry. Nonsense rhymes are amusing to nearly all children; the writings of Lewis Carroll proved that. Mr. Bunny's Book is crammed full of the quaintest nonsense rhymes, profusely illustrated in colors on tinted backgrounds. Here is a sample verse:

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Oh, what a convenience 'tis to Mother

If she would be discovered a dry goods tree!

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Max Pemberton's romance, *Fee*, is not such an improbable story as it would have been some decades earlier than the present date. A beautiful, gifted opera singer, of much strength of character and decidedly aristocratic descent, *Fee* easily captures the affections of Prince Jerome, son of the Archduke Frederic of Austria, whose father interferes, separates the lovers and strives by all means fair and foul to keep them apart. His agents almost succeed in tricking *Fee* into renouncing her princely lover, but finally, by the help of a staunch young English friend, Leslie Drummond, *Fee* is rescued, and the Prince, who is a manly specimen, weds her. *Fee* enters the Viennese capital, is received by the Empress, and presumably lives happily ever afterwards. *Fee's* wretched old father, Georges de Berthier, is a repugnant but faithful picture of a broken-down and warped aristocrat. The Copp, Clark Company (Limited) have brought out this book very smartly, and it will be read with interest.

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What France Gets from Bicycles.

The bicycle tax last year yielded nearly £175,000. The number of bicycles taxed was \$38,556, which is nearly double the number for the preceding year. In the Department of the Seine the number of bicycles was 185,781, or nearly one quarter of the whole—*"Temps,"* Paris.

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NE is again unhappily reminded of the old saying, "Art is long, but Life is short," by the news that Lady Hallé, the greatest lady violinist of our period, is about to retire into private life immediately after her farewells this winter at the Richter concerts at Manchester. Her public life in London has extended over half a century, her first appearance in the metropolis having been in 1849, as a musical prodigy, when she played at a benefit performance at the old Princess Theater. She was then being exploited with her brothers by her father. Lady Hallé has been heard in Toronto only once, and all who had the good fortune to be present at her concert will remember the profound impression her artistic playing created.

Mr. J. D. A. Tripp has practically decided upon the principal numbers of the programme for the first concert this season of the Toronto Male Chorus Club. The works to be taken up are *Salamis*, a cantata for men's voices, by Gernsheim, the chorus of bishops and priests from the opera *L'Africaine* (Meyerbeer), Autumn Song by Rheinberger, and compositions by Engelsberger, Meyer-Helmlund, Louis Greh and Dudley Buck. The first rehearsal of the club this week was very largely attended—in fact, it was the biggest muster the chorus has made at a first meeting of a season. Mr. Tripp is a pretty busy man with his private teaching. He has just issued a circular announcing that he is forming playing classes, open not only to his own pupils, but also to any players who may wish to take advantage of lessons in style and interpretation and to broaden their knowledge of the resources of the piano. His wide experience under leading piano pedagogues in Europe qualifies him to preside over such classes. His method is to use two pianos and to illustrate at one while the pupil is at the other.

Great things are prophesied of the young French composer, Claude Debussy. Fifteen years ago he competed for the Prix de Rome, but was unsuccessful. The work he sent in had the strange title of *La Demoiselle Elise*. This did not please the judges, and they were still more displeased, we are told, when they found the text of the cantata was a prose translation of an "unintelligible" poem by Dante Rossetti. To make matters worse, Debussy's music was ultra-modern in its modulations. The work was accordingly rejected, and did not even receive the honor of a trial performance. But the composer, nothing daunted, persevered. His first success was his symphonic illustrations in Mallarme's "Apres-midi d'une Fâme." On August 27 he had the satisfaction not only of seeing his *Demise Elise* on a Trocadero programme, but of hearing it more warmly applauded than any of the other pieces presented, though these included selections from the works of the academic favorites, Paganini and Marty, as well as the patriotic and noisy "Irlande" of Mme. Holmes.

Mr. Flinch, the New York critic, enquires plaintively why the compositions of Rubinstein are not heard more frequently in public. He says it is time to enter an emphatic protest against the absurd and unjust manner in which professional performers taboo one of the greatest of modern composers. He continues: "The public loves, above all things, melody, and Rubinstein is brimful of melody; why, then, is he not often heard in our concert halls? Not because the public does not want him, for his compositions are warmly applauded whenever produced, and often encored; but simply because the professional musicians have been apparently goaded by the critics into an absurdly exaggerated idea of Rubinstein's shortcomings. These critics are constantly harping upon the fact that he was careless in his workmanship, and did not sufficiently file his pieces. As Niecks put it, 'He seemed always impatient to finish a thing.' If genius is, as it should be, the faculty of creating new ideas, then Rubinstein was not only a genius, but a genius of a very high order. In the realm of harmony he was less original than some of his contemporaries, but as a fertile melodist he has few equals at any time." I cannot say that I have found in my experience at concerts that Rubinstein is popular with audiences. There are a few compositions, it is true, that are always welcome, but, speaking generally, Rubinstein's music is received with polite indifference. If professionals found that they could make a hit with the public by playing or singing Rubinstein, one may rest assured that they would include one or other of his pieces in their programmes no matter what critics might say. Professionals know in which direction their interests lie, and are not silly enough to allow theoretical prejudice to interfere with their business. One may fairly conclude that there is no general demand for Rubinstein's works.

Scholarships are now being offered for free competition in the piano, vocal, violin and elocution departments of the Metropolitan School of Music, Toronto, and a form giving particulars as to these can be obtained from the secretary. Members of the staff represented, either by full or partial scholarships, are as follows: Piano, Messrs. W. O. Forsyth, the musical director; Peter C. Kennedy, F. Arthur Oliver, the Misses Celia M. Tifford, Sara Burt, A. B. Todd, vocal; Signor Sajous, Miss

by Siegfried Wagner. Experiments will also be made with new singers. Parsifal is to be sung a number of times. Frau Wagner, it is said, has still a monopoly of this music drama as far as the operatic stage is concerned. She has been endeavoring to prevent performances of excerpts in the concert halls, but as Wagner sold the right to produce selections from it at concerts the German law courts have decided that she cannot prohibit performances that are given without the accessories of scenery, action and costumes.

Those artistic and satisfying singers, Mr. and Mrs. Henschel, have been engaged by Henry Wolfson for a tour of one hundred concerts in the United States and Canada. It is many years since the gifted couple were heard in recital in Toronto. It is sincerely hoped by musical people that the Henschels will come this way before their tourney is closed.

While there has been a chorus of praise from the Parisian critics for the reigning success, *Chapentier's Louise*, from Berlin comes a deprecatory note. Dr. Leonid Schmidt of the "Berliner Tageblatt," in noticing its performance in Paris, says that the music seemed to him devoid of originality and individuality. The composer copies Gounod in sentimental situations, the young Italians in moments of dramatic emphasis, and Wagner in his orchestration. The success of the opera, Dr. Schmidt thinks, is due partly to the story and partly to the appeals that are made in it to Parisian vanity. The gorgeous mise-en-scene also helps to attract the public.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mendelssohn Choir the following officers were elected: Conductor, A. S. Vogt; honorary president, Byron E. Walker; president, W. H. Elliott; vice-presidents, A. E. Huestis, F. H. Herbert; secretary, Dr. Harold Clark; treasurer, T. Harold Mason; assistant secretary-treasurer, Walter Bonney; committee, W. E. Rundle, R. G. Kirby, A. L. E. Davies, G. H. Parkes, A. T. Cringan, G. H. D. Lee, J. D. Ritchie, T. A. Reed, A. M. Bethune, Dr. T. B. Richardson.

Miss Edith Macpherson Dickson has been appointed soprano soloist at Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Mme. Alice Waltz, the popular soprano, who is once more in Toronto sang *That My Redeemer Liveth*, last Sunday at the Broadway Tabernacle, and delighted the large congregation. Her second solo was the *Holy City*, which she interpreted with much finish and effect. Mme. Waltz is available for concert and oratorio engagements in town or country. The New York "Times" credits her with possessing a most beautiful voice, and, in referring to one particular concert, says she sang both her numbers exquisitely.

A number of scholarships are offered for competition at the Toronto Juntional College of Music, all names to be in by October 6. Information as to conditions may be obtained at the college. Among the scholarships is the half-year scholarship offered each year by Heintzman & Co. The list is a valuable one and may be expected to arouse a lively interest.

It is satisfactory to note that Toronto is promised a visit from two famous European orchestras, those of Edward Strauss of Vienna and of the Leipzig Philharmonic Society. But no announcement has been made as to a supply of grand opera, either in Italian or English. It was expected that the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York would come again, but so far nothing has been heard as to an intention to bring the organization here this season. From the Grand Opera House, through Mr. Shepard, we have nothing but promises of a few comic operas. Perhaps the advance of the season may show that arrangements have been made to supply Toronto with something satisfactory in the way of opera. There is so far a fair list of stars of the concert room announced, including Dohnanyi, Clara Butt, Ffrangcon Davies and Leonora Jackson. No doubt the Mendelssohn Choir and the Male Chorus Club will bring here some distinguished soloists to supplement their own efforts.

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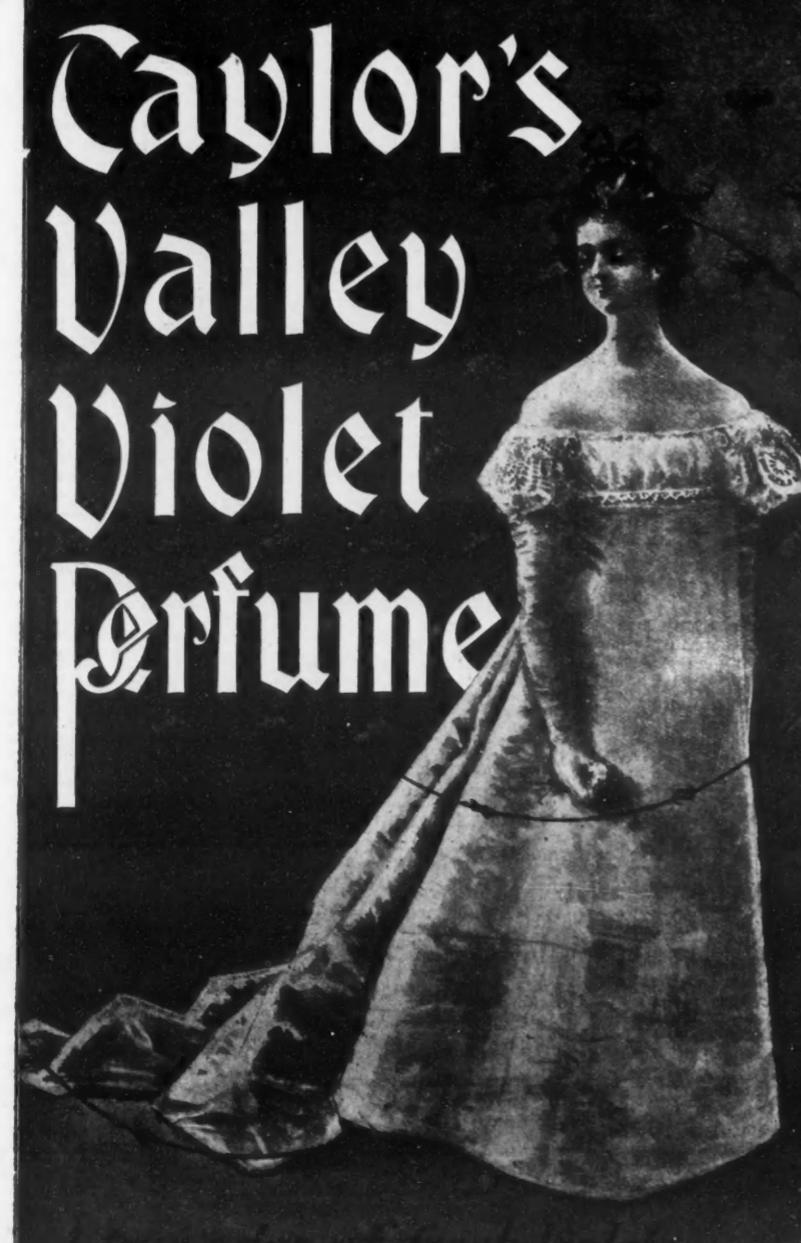
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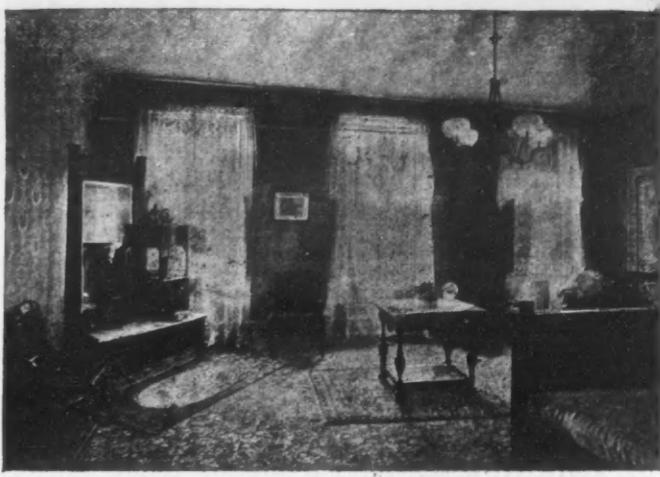


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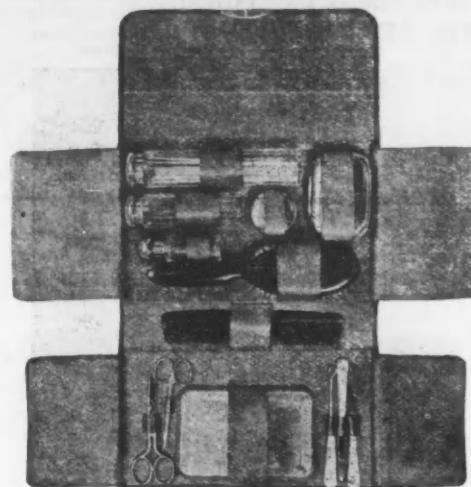
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Social and Personal.

Mr. Harry L. Drayton has resigned his position as assistant city solicitor and will enter a prominent legal firm.

Miss Laura Muntz, who has been spending some time in Holland and Paris, returns home from the Continent next week and will be at her studio in Beverly street.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus Robinson and Miss Robinson arrived home Monday from a tour abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Symons have taken up house at 583 Church street. Their daughters, Miss Beatrice and Miss Daisy, arrived lately, having spent nearly four years in England and Germany.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Norway Place, Church street, the residence of the bride's mother, on Monday last, September 24, when Ethel Mary, second daughter of the late Henry A. Knowles, was united in marriage to James H. Carrigue, D. D. S. of Sarnia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Pitt Lewis, rector of Grace Church. The bride entered the drawing-room on the arm of her brother and was given away by her mother. Miss Irene Knowles acted as bridemaid. Mr. C. Carrigue, of Palermo, brother of the groom, was best man. Dr. and Mrs. Carrigue will take up their residence in Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin J. Stalker of Augusta avenue have gone to visit friends in Cincinnati and South Norwood, O.

The dance given at Arthur last Friday evening by Mrs. Anderson, in honor of her guest, Miss Winkins Frank of Orangeville, recently returned from China and Japan, was in every way a brilliant success. Rosina never looked prettier. The rooms were tastefully decorated, and many dainty gowns were worn by the ladies.

On Wednesday evening, September 19, at seven o'clock, the residence of Mr. William Cameron, Goderich street, Port Elgin, was the scene of a charmingly pretty wedding, when his daughter, Miss Kate Cameron, and Mr. James Walker Dougherty of Port Elgin were married. It was a house wedding, and the drawing-room was beautifully decorated with palms and white flowers, one end being converted into a bower, where the ceremony took place. A little after seven o'clock the strains of the wedding march filled the room, and the bridal party entered. The tall, graceful bride, leaning on her father's arm, walked slowly up the room, her sweet, blushing face looking lovely, with coronet of orange blossoms and filmy veil falling to the edge of the train of her wedding gown of pearl color brocade silk, trimmed with chiffon and pearls. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of ferns and white roses. Her bridesmaid was Miss Dougherty, who wore pink organdie over pink silk, and carried a bouquet

of pink roses. The maid of honor was Little Miss Joan Campbell, niece of the bride, who looked lovely, with golden hair hanging over her shoulders and garbed in a dainty white frock, and carried a basket of roses. The groom was supported by Mr. Colin S. Cameron, barrister-at-law, Simcoe, brother of the bride. The bride's mother wore a silk gown en train, trimmed with chiffon and lace, and her three sisters formed a striking looking trio, all three being tall and graceful and wearing beautiful gowns. Miss Cameron wore a heliotrope silk en train, trimmed with chiffon. Mrs. Campbell a silk grenadine, with lace yoke, and Mrs. Neil McGillivray a pale blue satin, with handsome pointed lace overdress and trimmed with chiffon. The officiating clergyman was Rev. A. Masha, B.A. After the reception and dejeuner the bride couple left for Owen Sound, where they took the train for Eastern cities, where they will spend the honeymoon. The bride's traveling suit was a claret-color lady's cloth tailor-made gown, with silk velvet touque to match and sable ruff. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty will reside in Green street.

Mr. Jack Roaf leaves for Winnipeg on Saturday next at 1:30 p.m., to take a responsible position out there. The bachelors of the "Isle of Champagne" entertained him at Harry Webb's on Wednesday, as he is one of their members. Mr. Howard Douglas, who is also a member of the same club, was given a send-off at the same dinner. He is leaving for Genoa for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Heintzman have returned from Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa. Miss Heintzman will leave again for New York next Monday, to continue her vocal studies.

Mrs. Malcolm Macnair (nee Beaty) will hold her first reception since her marriage on Friday afternoon and evening, October 5, and will after receive on the first Friday in the month at her home, Loughbreeze, 1499 Queen street west.

The beautiful gowns and hats of the Porter-Plumb bridal party were turned out by the firm of William Stitt and would have done credit to any establishment.

Mr. Ernest Oliver and Mr. R. L. Latham returned to town early in the week, after spending a few days in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grundy have sent out invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ethel Sabina Grundy, and Mr. William Edward Paxton, at St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, on October 16, at half-past six o'clock.

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Goode—Sept. 22, Mrs. Wm. Goode, a son.

Webster—Sept. 22, Mrs. Charles Webster, a son.

Cowley—Sept. 19, Mrs. T. W. Cowley, a son.

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